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Government and the unions seek to ease 5% pay policy

Government is to have full- discussions with the unions could lead to the 5 per cent mes policy being modified. move has been welcomed by union leaders attending the Labour Party conference. In Blackpool, the conference chairman threatened to suspend a session during a stormy episode involving left-wingers.

TUC anxious for early meeting

Paul Routledge
r Editor
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inet ministers are pre- for negotiations with leaders that are expected dify the Government's 5 ent incomes policy.

Government is to take proposal from the TUC conomic ministers should s with the unions what wid Basnett, chairman of ade Union Committee for r Victory, yesterday de- d as an "impasse" in elations.

rmal contacts between the and the Government will e the ground for full discussions after next sday's meeting of the economic committee, in ke of the rejection of the cent limit by the trade block votes at the Labour conference in Blackpool. link-up was confirmed by snett in his TUC frater- dress to delegates yester- Departing from the pre- text of his speech, he "With my colleagues on UC General Council I that meeting. And we r early. I want it first of unlock us from the im- in which we find our- at the moment."

formal response to the Minister's offer of dis- s, itself a follow-up to ller TUC initiative, was welcomed in private by leaders in Blackpool last as the most appropriate get out of the political assment created by the it rejection of the ment's pay policy.

Whitehall view is that llaghan and his senior r colleagues will listen ideas that the TUC is prepared to put up as an alternative to the White Paper on countering inflation, without committing themselves. Ministers will judge the TUC formula for combating inflation against their hopes for meeting the same objective by the 5 per cent limit.

Reselection of MPs: Miss Joan Lestor, chairman of the Labour Party, threatened to suspend a session of the Labour Party conference yesterday during a stormy episode when frustrated left-wing delegates demanded another vote on the issue of the automatic reselection procedure for Labour MPs (George Clark, our Political Correspondent, writes).

The matter appeared to have been settled on Tuesday when the conference approved the national executive's proposal that the reselection procedure would be set in motion only if there was, in advance, a vote of no confidence in the sitting MP.

Left-wingers and those active in the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy, wanted reselection to be automatic not earlier than 18 months and not later than 36 months after an election. This demand has been pressed since the controversy in Newham, North-East, where Mr Reg Prentice, a former minister, was disowned by his local party.

After Tuesday's vote, these campaigners discovered that Mr Hugh Scanlon, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, had been confused about the voting procedure and had abstained from casting the 877,000 votes of his union on an amendment for automatic reselection, although that is what his delegation had decided should be done.

If he had voted, it would have reversed the result.

All delegates, as they arrived at conference yesterday morning, were handed a bulletin from the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy, urging support for a move to have the vote retaken. Mr Scanlon, after a meeting of his delegation, where he apologized for his error, went to the standing orders committee to appeal for the vote to be held again. That was refused.

The CLPD issued another bulletin saying that Mr Scanlon has told the committee that "he was confused, like many another delegate."

When the afternoon session opened, Miss Lestor was booed by a section of the conference when she ruled that the vote could not be retaken. She said Mr Bryan Stanley, for the executive, had explained clearly how the votes would be taken.

"It is quite possible that some delegates did not understand, the procedure, but if I took a revote every time anyone was confused about what they were doing, we would never finish the conference at all," she said.

This provoked another storm of protest. A young delegate from Uxbridge shouted: "I want to move a motion of no confidence in the chair." Miss Lestor said there was no provision in the standing orders for such a move.

She ignored further protests and another burst of booing, and pressed on to call the first speaker in the afternoon debate on racialism.

The effect of refusing another vote, which was a decision fully endorsed by the executive, is that this issue cannot again be raised for three years.

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'Dialogue of love' ends in rain and tears

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Oct 4

Rain fell on the crowd of 80,000, on the solitary coffin, on Michelangelo's huge cupola, and on the individual sheets of paper as Cardinal Confalonieri, the venerable Dean of the Sacred College, read the funeral discourse for Pope John Paul on the steps of St Peter's: "A month was enough for him to win our hearts and for us to love him intensely".

The wintry farewell marked the end of a pontificate of 33 days which coincided exactly with the last autumn sun before winter arrived. "In Pope John Paul we have saluted and venerated the Vicar of Christ, Bishop of Rome, and Supreme Pastor of the Universal Church," the Cardinal said. "But in the brief contact we had with him we were immediately impressed and grasped by the fascination of his instinctive goodness, his innate modesty and his plain simplicity of word and deed."

The Vatican made clear to the governments of the world that it would understand if they send representative delegations led by heads of mission here rather than national personalities, given the brief time that has passed since Paul VI was buried with the full majesty of a Roman sunset.

The change from blue to leaden skies might well be taken as a symbol of the difference between the August conclave which elected John Paul and the heavier task of the next one, which must find his successor.

The cardinal was insistent about the importance of the crowds which came to the few general audiences that John Paul had time to give before his brief reign was over and of the huge queues of faithful under Bernini's Colonnade waiting to pay their last respects.

Implicit in his reference was the idea that the next choice of Pope cannot overlook this extraordinary popular following which an unknown man gathered around him in so short a time after his election.

In a world submerged in hate and violence, Pope John Paul had been "a message of goodness.

"He exalted work and preached charity. And always with a smile on his lips—that smile which never left him, not even in the last instant of his life. We saw him so, in fact, early last Friday, there on his deathbed, his head resting towards the right, his lips partly open in that unforgettable smile. And so he entered into the peace of the Lord."

He went in the cold Roman dusk, to take his place among the Popes buried in the crypt of St Peter's, an end which little more than a month ago he no doubt did not even envisage. The cardinal described his pontificate as "a dialogue of love". Stricter analysis will follow, but today was John Paul's day and many damp eyes must have been due to sheer sadness and not just the rain.



A canopy protects the altar and mourning dignatories shelter under umbrellas at the funeral mass for Pope John Paul.

Japanese car exports cut sharply this month

Exports of Japanese cars to Britain will be cut sharply this month in an effort to keep shipments this year within the 1977 level of 151,000, the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry said. About 3,000 cars are to be sent in October, compared with an average of about 13,000 for the first eight months of the year. During that time exports rose 14.5 per cent over last year's level, and prompted diplomatic exchanges between the two countries aimed at ensuring that the Japanese kept their promise to hold shipments within the 1977 level

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Civil servants' unions in link

Two unions that represent 20,000 of Britain's top 24,000 civil servants have moved towards a merger with the formation of a loose association to last five years. The First Division Association and the Institution of Professional Civil Servants, which formed a joint committee of their principal officers last year, will use the period to consider merging

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Stein takes over Scots team

Jock Stein has been offically appointed as Scotland's team manager. He resigned as Leeds United's manager yesterday after only 45 days at the club. Mr Stein takes over from Alistair MacLeod

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Potato ban puts Britain in court

The EEC Commission is to take Britain and France to the European Court for operating barriers to free trade in food. Britain maintains a ban on imported potatoes from the EEC and France bans the import of British lamb

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Dollar rallies on official support

American dollars, which touched a record low level against the Deutsche mark, recovered later on official support. Sterling closed at $1.9825 after touching $1.99. The pound's effective exchange rate rose by 0.1 per cent to close at 62.6 per cent of its December, 1971, level

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Shelling barrage hits Beirut

Heavy shelling by artillery and tanks shook eastern Beirut as Syrian troops and Christian militias fought one of the city's most devastating battles. The Lebanese Cabinet held an emergency session in the presidential palace overlooking the combat zone

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No action for contempt against TV company

By Craig Seton

Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, the Attorney General, has decided not to take proceedings for contempt of court against London Weekend Television for a disclosure about the recent Official Secrets Act trial, which led to its abandonment after only 10 days.

A late-night programme on London Weekend gave details about three jurors that had been given in court but in the absence of the jury. Mr Justice Willis abandoned the trial and discharged the jury because, he said, it might have been prejudiced by the information. Describing the television report as "gratuitous journalistic gossip", he referred the matter to Mr Silkin, and ordered a new trial, which is now under way at the Central Criminal Court.

The Attorney General's office said yesterday that London Weekend had given written assurances to Mr Silkin, who had accepted that it was a responsible company and had "acted in good faith".

The company had assured the Attorney General that it permitted the broadcast to take place in the sincere belief that it would not, in the circumstances, prejudice a fair trial or be in contempt of court.

It had received advice from leading counsel and now accepted the principle that, whatever the circumstances and irrespective of the question of prejudice, "there must be no publication during the trial of matter which, for the proper administration of justice, has been dealt with in the absence of the jury".

London Weekend has expressed its regret and undertaken to do everything in its power to ensure that principle is fully observed in future programmes.

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Mr Smith expected in US this weekend

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Oct 4

Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, is coming to Washington, probably this weekend. The State Department announced this afternoon that a decision had been taken to grant him a visa.

While he is here, he will see Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State. His timetable has not yet been worked out, but it will include television appearances here and in New York, and a speech to the National Press Club here on October 11. Mr Smith will be accompanied by other members of the Executive Council.

In a statement issued this afternoon, the State Department said that it had decided to issue the visa "because we believe the visit can contribute to the process of achieving a settlement of the Rhodesian conflict, to which the Administration remains entirely committed".

In briefing reporters, a senior official said that before Mr Smith's visa was approved, "there had to be some evidence that there would be a constructive result of the visit". He would not say what results were expected, but clearly the Americans hope to persuade Mr Smith and his colleagues to attend the all-party conference which the Americans and British have been proposing.

So far, the Rhodesian authorities have refused, offering instead to admit representatives of the Patriotic Front to the Executive Council. For their part, the Patriotic Front have accepted some of the Anglo-American proposals for a conference, but not all.

The various parties involved have all been informed of the American decision. The official would not say whether the Front or the "front line" presidents had been invited to come to Washington or to New York, to meet Mr Smith, or to engage in "proximity talks". This was the device used most recently at Camp David to bring Israeli and Egyptian leaders' positions together without having them negotiate face-to-face.

The State Department repeated that the United States has not favoured either side in the Rhodesian dispute, and cited as evidence its refusal to accept the Patriotic Front's demand to be given a leading part in the transition period, and its refusal to recognize the "internal settlement".

"One of the last hopes for a peaceful resolution of the Rhodesian conflict lies in the determination of the British and American Governments to pursue every avenue that might lead to a settlement." The statement goes on to say: "As the situation in Rhodesia becomes more and more critical, we believe it is important that we take every conceivable opportunity to help the parties reconcile their differences and to bring an end to the bloodshed and suffering."

Roger Berthoud writes: The Foreign Office emphasized that the issue of a visa to Mr Smith was not part of a deal involving a conference on Rhodesia Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, had been in close touch with Mr Vance over the issue, but had not tried to persuade him to refuse the visa.

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ale of NEB investment may rce further request for funds

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National Enterprise has been spending its so fast this year that it ave to consider seeking a addition to its funds

is invested £450m of new so far, and has com- £720m out of the £1,000m le to it under the Indus- t.

e £300m of the total in- was accounted for by Leyland's rights issue, he accelerated pace at the NEB has been com- g its resources suggests t may have to consider g an extension of its m limit.

increase of £300m, bring- e limit up to its present , was approved by Par- t only in April to enable subscribe new capital to

Leslie Murphy, the chair- said yesterday that no money would be going to is year, but that otherwise the NEB intended to continue investing at a similar rate as in the recent past. He would be reviewing the whole position with the Government when the NEB submitted its corporate plan for 1979 later this year.

This would have to take account of those submitted by Rolls-Royce, which he has just received, and BL, which would be completed before the year end.

Talks with Rolls-Royce, which is developing a new aero engine for the proposed Boeing 757 airliner, will be held in "the next couple of months", and the NEB's financial responsibilities to Rolls-Royce should have been settled by the year end.

Sir Leslie was reporting first-half profits up from £13.7m a year ago to £23.1m. Excluding BL and Rolls-Royce, the profit before interest, tax and extraordinary items was £8.7m, which represented a return on capital employed of 10.2 per cent.

This was a substantial improvement on the 5 per cent return of a year ago but was lower than the 11.4 per cent over 1977 as a whole. The NEB's 1981 financial target is to achieve a 15 to 20 per cent return on capital on "all its interests, excluding BL and Rolls-Royce. For BL the target is a 10 per cent return.

Since the NEB's last accounts were published in May it has undertaken 10 new investments and sold one. It has reduced its stake in Ferranti but has added substantially to several other existing investments. It now has 16 subsidiary companies and 24 which it classifies as associates.

Sir Leslie said that although the NEB could take a reasonably long view it still had to acknowledge that there could come a point beyond which it could not continue. "To do otherwise would be to fail in our duty to the taxpayer", he said, emphasizing that he was not just referring to BL.

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isturbing' report prompts using groups scrutiny

hn Winder

Public Accounts Com- of the House of Com- will almost certainly make nvestigation of housing ations that receive public its first priority in the parliamentary session. committee, in a report pub- yesterday, said that gations of two housing ations presented "a dis- g picture which could in- the misuse of public "

report from the commit- ys that grants to housing ations represent more four fifths of the cost of approved housing projects he Department of the En- ment provided £500m for in the 1977-78 estimates. a result of questions asked r Robert Taylor, Conserv- MP for Croydon North- at a session of the com- e in June, reports of in- gations by the Housing oration into the affairs of rinity Housing Association he Single Parent and Child ing Association, were pro- l for the committee on a dential basis.

e committee is asking for s of reports of nine simi- quiries into other housing iations.

long questions which the ittee will put to the De- ment of the Environment it resumes in the new ses- will be why the reports ld be confidential.

e committee report says: view of the large grants loans which are now paid housing associations from ic funds, we take the view whatever the accounta- of the Housing Corpora- to the Secretary of State for the Environment, the corporation should be clearly and fully accountable to Parliament for its oversight of housing associations."

The committee noted that although the Comptroller and Auditor General had access to the records of housing associations in connexion with his audit of grants made by the department, he did not audit the accounts of the Housing Corporation.

It recommends that he should have access to the corporation's books and records so that he can report on the corporation's exercise of its functions, if necessary.

Mr Edward du Cann, Conservative MP for Taunton, chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, said yesterday that it was asking the Comptroller and Auditor General to investigate housing associations.

An appendix to the committee's report shows that on March 31, 1978, of 2,642 housing associations registered with the Housing Corporation, 900 had not provided accounts within the six-month period specified by the corporation. Most related to very small associations not receiving public finance at present.

The appendix, which is a note to the committee from Sir John Garlick, Permanent Secretary to the Department of Environment, says that the corporation follows up late submissions quickly when the associations are receiving a significant amount of public funds.

Ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts (Stationery Office: £4).

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Leyland claim for 19pc pay rise

British Leyland Combined Shop Stewards Committee, the unofficial body which claims to represent 100,000 manual workers, yesterday demanded, by the end of next month, a 19 per cent wage increase, a reduction in the working week to 35 hours, and full parity between workers doing similar jobs.

The demands were issued after a meeting of the committee in Birmingham.

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Woman burns herself to death by Thames

A woman aged 54 burnt herself to death on the Thames bank between Datchet and Old Windsor, Berkshire, yesterday, after pouring flammable liquid over herself.

The police found her handbag, containing a passport with a London address, and two bottles that had contained surgical spirit.

"We are working on the theory that her death is connected with the girl who killed herself in Geneva", they said.

Marseilles massacre outstrips Al Capone

From Ian Murray
Paris, Oct 4

The number of people killed in a Marseilles bar shooting last night was two greater than in the infamous Saint Valentine's Day massacre in Chicago in the heyday of Al Capone.

Nine people were shot dead in the Bar du Telephone in one of the worst ever squaring of accounts between rival gangs in a city not unused to violent deaths.

Police who were called to the bar in a tree-lined street in the northern suburbs of the city still have no real clue as to who carried out the murders, or why. For the moment they work on the theory that the murderers were only interested in getting rid of a few of the nine, but shot the rest because they did not want there to be any eye-witnesses.

There is, however, one seriously wounded survivor, as well as Mme Nicole Leoni, the wife of the bar's owner, who saw the hooded killers as she was on her way to the bar just before the shooting began. She ran upstairs to her flat and barricaded herself in, calling the police after the shooting stopped.

Other witnesses have told police at least something of what happened. It seems that the killers arrived by car at about 8.30 pm just at dusk. They jumped out and ran inside.

They were hooded and carried different weapons. The bullets recovered are of three calibres—11.43 mm, 12 mm and 9 mm. This leads the police to believe that there were almost certainly three people involved, although the eye-witnesses found so far have been unclear even on this point.

Exactly what happened inside the bar is not clear but it seems that the murder victims had little chance to defend themselves. A few chairs were overturned and a few glasses broken, but there were no broken windows or any great damage.

The victims appear to have been shot quickly to stop them running away and then methodically finished off with a well-aimed bullet to the head or neck.

None of the victims was armed, although one of them was found to have three 9mm rounds in his pocket. Two of the victims had recently been released from prison and two others were known to the police.

But the others, like the local grocer, seem to have been just people who had dropped in for a drink at the end of the day. The bar owner was also killed.

M Pierre Chatelain, the divisional police commissioner, said this morning that it was the first time the police had found themselves faced with such "organized carnage". The speed, neatness and coldbloodedness of the operation in which only two bullets failed to find a target led him to believe that the number of people capable of carrying out such a crime was relatively small.

Over the past 18 months there have been 15 gangland killings in Marseilles and the city has for some time had a reputation of being a place where rival gangs fought to the death for control of smuggled goods, particularly drugs. There has been more than one shoot-out in a bar, although nothing on the scale of last night.

M Gaston Defferre, the city's Mayor, said this morning that Marseilles was not the crime capital it had been some years ago.

"In Marseilles the crooks kill each other and, if I deplore this crime, it is not as serious as the practice of crimes in other French towns."

What had to be done, he said, was to attack the causes of crime such as prostitution, drugs and racing rings.

A French police union today held a press conference to demand tougher action to stamp out violence.

The policemen called for four things: tougher sentences for convicted criminals; modern equipment to combat crime; higher salaries and improved social measures to cut unemployment; and the creation of a mixed commission to redefine the role of the police.



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...p Civil ...ervice unions agree on link

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

A positive step has been taken towards a merger of two unions that together represent 20,000 of Britain's top 24,000 civil servants.

A draft "memorandum of understanding" has been drawn up between the First Division Association and the Institution of Professional Civil Servants. Both are members of the TUC and both maintain a strict non-political stance.

The understanding amounts to an initial loose association during which the possibilities of a closer association or merger can be examined.

The interim period is intended to last up to five years, and any movement to a closer association could be made only by agreement of both unions. Meanwhile, provision would be made for the FDA to be represented on the IPCS national executive, and at its policy-making annual conference.

The IPCS, which has 100,000 members, represents 10,200 people at or above principal and equivalent levels. The FDA represents 9,900 senior civil servants.

Leaders of both unions would liek one organization to represent all 24,000 senior civil servants, but that would only be possible if the middle-management Society of Civil and Public Servants joined in. That, however, is ruled out for the foreseeable future.

Subject to agreement by FDA and IPCS members, the draft terms of the memorandum of understanding will lead to the establishment of a new higher grades committee representing 20,000 top-grade members, which would have a wide degree of autonomy to determine policy on all senior-grade issues.

The idea of a merger between the FDA and IPCS has become increasingly logical because of the widening nature of membership of the FDA, which once represented only administrators. Its members now include economists, lawyers, statisticians, inspectors of schools, tax inspectors and museum grades. The IPCS has similar groups of members.

The new development stems from a committee established in 1977 consisting of principal officers of each union.

It is intended that not later than nine months before the end of the interim period a report will be produced dealing with longer-term arrangements. In practice it is intended that the review will begin about three years after the interim arrangements take effect.

There are few important policy issues on which the two unions do not agree, and both support the principle of strengthening the union representation of senior civil servants.



Captain Mark Phillips (second row, next to the aisle) taking his place alongside other students on their first day at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

QC deplores disruption of motorway inquiries

From John Chartres
Accrington

Mr John Newey, QC, the independent inspector conducting the public inquiry into the proposed M65 Calder Valley motorway in Lancashire, took the unusual step yesterday of calling a press conference to express his personal views on the recent pattern of organized disruption of such proceedings.

He said that highway inquiries had been subject to a great deal of disruption and harassment in recent years and that this had led to an impression among the general public that they were like football matches which many people nowadays did not like going to because of disturbances.

"This is very worrying indeed," Mr Newey said. "The people most likely to suffer are the little people who have genuine cases for objections and who may be deterred from coming forward."

Mr Newey, who said he hoped he would not be subject to embarrassing questions because he wanted to go on being a Queen's Counsel, said he thought it was time someone gave an impression of what it was like to be on the receiving end of organized disruption.

Stressing that there was a difference between an obstructor and an objector, he said that the first form of obstruction was to make a great deal of noise. That had not happened at the present inquiry in Accrington, but it had been happening day in and day out at the M25 inquiry in Surrey.

"If sufficient noise is made it becomes impossible for people to speak and put forward arguments sensibly."

A second method was for a large number of people, at a signal, to rush the platform and surround the inspector. Although they did not molest him the idea seemed to be to "lean on him". (A disturbance of that kind took place in Accrington on Monday after Mr John Tyme, the leading motorway opponent, had been refused an application for an adjournment).

Obstruction could also take the form of refusing to sit down or stop talking when asked to or even, as happened in Accrington last week, lighting of candles around the witness stand and playing with model cars on the floor.

He thought it was "most distasteful" that one could not now conduct a highway inquiry without arranging for police to be present.

Nalgo official resigns over hospital strike

Mr A. Dobson, chairman of the Harlow branch of the National and Local Government Officers Association (Nalgo), resigned from his branch executive committee yesterday in protest against a decision to extend industrial action by National Health Service works supervisors which is making patients thought to have cancer wait for admission to hospitals in the area.

He said: "I cannot, as an individual member of Nalgo, support the action currently being undertaken." The union's emergency committee decided on Monday to impose further restrictions to intensify action taken by hospital engineers and their assistants since September 14. Admissions in Harlow have been cut by two-fifths.

The dispute, involving 3,500 works supervisors throughout Britain, has reduced many hospitals to urgent and emergency cases only.

Mr John Webb, the district administrator, said yesterday that the action could lead to many closures. "Already the medical staff say they are having to cut admissions for pregnancy terminations and delay the admission of patients with suspected cancers", he said.

"If the action reduces the laundry output to 10 per cent, as is threatened, we will have to close hospitals on a large scale."

But a similar threat at Kingston Hospital, Surrey, was lifted "in anticipation of an early national settlement".

The hospital was back to per cent of normal wor yesterday after the aban ment of a strike over the its security officer had inv gated alleged thefts.

The area health authe agreed to set up an indep ent investigation and to pend the security officer, Charles Palmer, who was in tigating the annual disap ance of personal and h service property valued £100,000.

Police searched three homes last week, and one has been charged with theft of equipment.

Mr Maurice Smith, di organizer for the Tran and General Workers' Un Surrey area, said that Palmer had acted above authority by stationing a clothes policeman in the tal canteen.

Only emergency opera will take place next wee Farnham Hospital, Su where the area's waiting l 3,100 patients will increa 120 patients a week.

The Department of H and Social Security says every region is affected b supervisors' action, which pursuit of a new pay stru at issue for four years.

At least 30 big hospita reduced to accepting only dent and emergency with more restricting urgent admissions. In She the Children's Hospital an Royal Infirmary are only accident and emer cases.

Call for help after fire at wives' refuge

A plea for help was made yesterday by Mrs Erin Pizzey, founder of the Chiswick Women's Aid Hostel, London, after fire badly damaged the building.

Sixty-nine women and children escaped into the street on Tuesday night as fire swept through the refuge for battered wives in Chiswick High Street. They spent the night sharing a few mattresses from a hoose near by that the organization uses as a play school.

Mrs Pizzey said: "We are in a desperate situation. We badly need mattresses, blankets, sheets and even clothes for the mums and kids. Ours were damaged in the fire and so were our cooking utensils. We have got no money.

"If anybody can provide any of these things we will be very grateful. I do not know when we will be able to get back into the hostel."

Mrs Pizzey added: "With the overcrowding we had in the hostel I have always feared something like this happening." In the past she has defied court orders banning her from accommodating more than 36 people.

The fire happened two days after the Greater London Council agreed to give the group nearly £250,000 to provide better accommodation. But none of the money can be used to pay for the damage, estimated at £10,000, Mrs Pizzey said.

Plowden plan angers BBC chief

Mr Cliff Morgan, head of BBC outside broadcasts, yesterday attacked a suggestion by Lady Plowden, chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, that the BBC and oindependent networks should cover big events like the Olympics and World Cup in rotation.

He described the suggestion as "sickmaking" and said that many of the BBC's sports staff, including himself, might resign if it was acted on. He declared: "It would be a tragedy and bring about the total destruction of this department."

Lady Plowden suggested the changes in a recent letter to Sir Michael Swann, BBC chairman.

The choice of who should cover the Moscow Olympics in two years time, for example, should be decided by the spin of a coin, she proposed. Her letter will be discussed by the BBC's board of governors today, but it is unlikely they will consider her request seriously.

Mr Morgan said: "What is sickmaking is the IBA coming to us and offering us the choice to alternate with them on the grounds that it will give viewers a better choice, trying to make the BBC out as the monster and them the viewers' guardian."

But, he maintained, the IBA was only interested in ready-audience events such as the Olympics. It was not offering to alternate on minority-interest sports such as cricket and tennis.

"They just want the big plum at the end after we have put up major investment to create nationwide interest in all sports featured at the Olympics. What Lady Plowden seems to want to do is spin a coin to find out if after all our work and dedication ITV might take over the Olympics.

"If they did we would be working on an eight-year cycle and many of the staff, who have sacrificed higher wages elsewhere because of their pride and dedication to BBC sport, have left me in no doubt that in that case they would leave."

Mr Morgan said the only way to give viewers the best in sport was through competition.

He has made his views known to Mr Alistair Milne, managing director, BBC Television, who will address governors at today's meeting. Despite Lady Plowden's letter, senior independent television sports executives hold out little hope of their rivals accepting alternation, and will soon be seeking the go-ahead for big competition in both the Olympics and World Cup.

Concern over protection of listed buildings

By John Young
Planning Reporter

An internal report of the Department of the Environment, suggesting that more than three quarters of Britain's listed buildings might be deprived of statutory protection, was described by a department official yesterday as hypothetical.

The report was prepared by Mr Lloyd Warburton, the department's assistant secretary responsible for historic buildings. According to the latest issue of *The Architects' Journal*, it proposes that powers to approve the demolition of Grade 2 listed buildings, which comprise about 85 per cent of the total of more than 250,000, should be transferred to local authorities.

It is said to maintain that "there is a real danger, if not certainty, that worthy and much-needed developments may be frustrated by doubtfully desirable old buildings".

The magazine says, in a leading article, that the proposal, if accepted, would mean the end of Britain's attempt to conserve its architctural heritage. It would also mean that 20 years' work by departmental investigators, local and national societies and amenity groups had been in vain.

"If, as proposed, all Grade 2 listed buildings are taken off the statutory list, and so lose state protection and are left to the mercy of local authorities, then we can, on past record, expect to lose practically all the historic buildings in our city centres, and other areas attractive to developers, within the next ten years", it says.

But a department official said yesterday that the magazine's comments, although predictable, were premature. The report had been prepared at the request of the Historic Buildings Council, on the premise that the department might in future have less money and fewer staff. It had not yet been formally considered.

"I do not think there is any serious question of its being implemented, but it is a strategy for what might happen if there was less money available", he added.

American gets senior post at film institute

By Our Arts Reporter

An American has been appointed to the £12,000-a-year post of director of the British Film Institute. Professor Edward S. Perry, dean of arts and humanities at Middlebury College, Vermont, succeeds Mr Keith Lucas, who is to take a part-time post as television consultant to the institute.

Professor Perry, aged 41, was born in New Orleans and has had a long, varied career in film and cinema studies in the United States. He has been professor of cinema studies at New York University, visiting professor at Harvard and director of the department of film at the Museum of Modern Art.

He described the institute as "one of the most influential film and television institutions in the world with no equal in terms of scope and size" when he spoke by telephone to a London press conference yesterday.

School grants to go to pupils

Grants of up to £7 a week to encourage about 450 Newcastle upon Tyne teenagers to stay on at school are to paid direct to pupils whose attendance and school attitudes are satisfactory.

Journalist met ex-soldier to fill in gaps, Crown say

By a Staff Reporter

Duncan Campbell, a journalist, met and interviewed a former member of the Intelligence Corps to fill the gaps in his knowledge about the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) at Cheltenham and about Signals Intelligence (Sigint), it was alleged on the second day of the new Official Secrets Act trial at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mr John Leonard, QC, for the Crown, said that papers and documents found in Mr Campbell's flat indicated that he had been prepared to keep anything which related to GCHQ, including advertisements for jobs. It indicated, he added the lack of Mr Campbell's information about what went on at Cheltenham.

The Crown has said that Mr Campbell, aged 26, a journalist with the *New Statesman* and Crispin Aubrey, aged 32, a writer with the magazine *Time Out*, were arrested leaving the flat of John Berry, aged 34, a former member of the Intelligence Corps, where they had been given information about Sigint.

The three defendants pleaded not guilty to a t eight charges under sec and 2 of the Official S Act, 1911, dealing with ing, communicating and ing information.

Mr Leonard, who sai Mr Berry had been giv code name "Percy", that during the meeti tween the three the form dier had explained the c cation of material he access to and notation stations under obser what was done with cepted material and wh was sent. There had b discussion, he alleged, Sigint personnel, jobs qualifications.

Mr Leonard said the should be "cautious" i tion to Mr Aubrey. Duri alleged interview with Berry, when it came t really sensitive material, not Mr Aubrey but Mr ell who asked the ques the jury would have to b isfied that Mr Aubrey actively helping Mr Ca to obtain from Mr Berry mation that he knew mi useful to an enemy.

The trail continues tod

Customs man with a painful declaratio

By a Staff Reporter

The case of the Customs officer at Heathrow airport, London, who had something extremely painful to declare, a sore thumb and a three-inch live scorpion, is related in the Natural History Museum's latest report.

In a section on the museum's advisory services in zoology, the report says that inquiries often concern long-term investigations, but occasionally the advice and identification sought is of immediate and vital medical importance. So it was with the officer at Heathrow, taken to hospital after being stung by a scorpion that had been hiding in a passenger's luggage.

Luckily, he had the foresight to close the zip bag in question and to take it with him to hospital. The senior house officer there rang the museum for a specific indentification. From the description, it was established that the scorpion was from Jamaica and belonged to the genus Centruroides, which contains many dangerously venemous, and sometimes lethal, species.

But on further explanation of the now defunct creature, hopes began to rise when the description started to tally with that of the common Jamai margaritatus, not regar dangerous. Later that d diagnosis was confirmed museum.

As well as inquiries c ing food contaminants, ing a toad's foot in a peas and a geeko lizar consignment of tea, the ment has investigate ingestion of birds into engines. Serious accide rare, but the museum co to identify remains so work out their weights

Report on the British (Natural History) 1975-7 tions Department, Lond 5BD. £4.50 (postage 50p).

NUJ move at 'Times' upsets rival union men

By Our Labour Staff

The decision by the National Union of Journalists' chapel (office branch) at *The Times* to invoke disputes procedure over a pay claim has been criticized by members of the rival Institute of Journalists at the paper.

The IOJ chapter passed a resolution supporting the principle of pay parity with *The Sunday Times* but deprecated the timing of the NUJ decision "and the consequent possibility of industrial action when the future of the paper is uncertain".

The resolution from the chapter, which represents more than 30 *Times* journalists, expressed concern at the absence of separate negotiating machinery for the institute and regretted that it had not yet been accorded full negotiating rights with the management".

£2,100 fines on supporters

Eleven football supporters were fined a total of £2,100 by Northampton magistrates yesterday over incidents after the League Cup game between Northampton and Stoke City on Tuesday night. Nine of them were Stoke supporters.

They all pleaded guilty to using threatening behaviour and causing a disturbance. Six other Stoke supporters are being sought after an attack on a policeman.

Priest resigns

Mr John Harriott, formerly Fr John Harriott of the Society of Jesus, has announced his resignation from the Roman Catholic priesthood and from the society for personal reasons.

It is understood that he will continue as a member of church and other committees. He said: "I remain a loyal Roman Catholic and will continue to work for the church as occasions offer".

Bulgaria rejects 'slanders' over London deaths

The Bulgarian Government said yesterday that allegations of participation by Bulgarian groups in the deaths of Mr Georgi Markov and Mr Vladimir Simeonov, employees of the BBC, were groundless (AP reports from Sofia). It protests at "slanders and fabrications".

The rejection of the allegations, carried by the official Bulgarian news agency, BTA, referred to the deaths in London of the men, both defectors.

Mr Markov was killed last month by a poisoned pellet. Mr Simeonov, aged 33, was found dead at the foot of the stairs at his home in east London on Monday.

The Bulgarian news agency said: "All these versions have not, and cannot have, anything in common with truth and we qualify them as ill intended propaganda against our country."

It said the allegations "stronly smell of a campaign schemed in advance by interested circles against the People's Republic of Bulgaria so as to discredit and denigrate her".

The state was ready to give full assistance to the British authorities for joint investigations, analysis and evaluation", it added.

Chrysler recall 53,000 cars

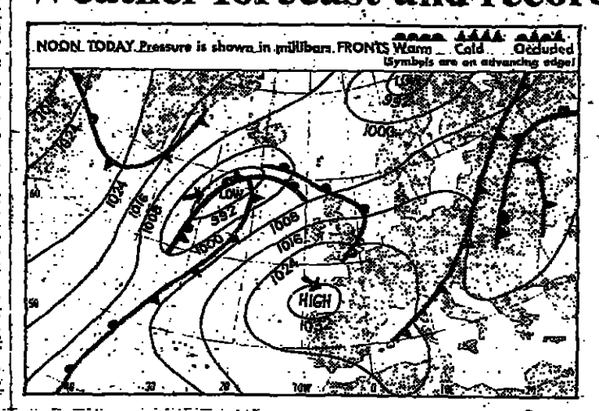
Chrysler UK is to recall 53,000 Avenger and Sunbeam cars built at its factory in Linwood, Strathclyde, between last August and June this year to replace nuts on the braking system that have been faulty in "a few isolated instances".

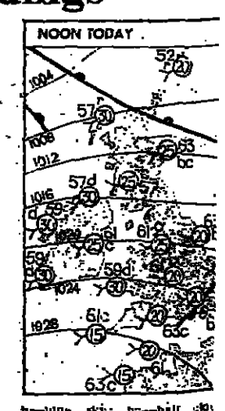
The company said yesterday that the nuts would be replaced free. Chrysler UK emphasized that no accidents had been caused by the defective nuts.

Another typhoid case

A woman from Rushden, Northamptonshire, has been admitted to Northampton General Hospital suffering from typhoid. She had just returned from a holiday in Spain.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 7.7 am. Sun sets: 6.30 pm.
Moon rises: 10.33 am. Moon sets: 2.23 pm.
First Quarter: October 9.
Lighting up: 7.0 pm to 6.39 am.
High water: London Bridge, 4.19 am, 7.5m (24.7ft); 4.34 pm, 7.6m (24.8ft); Avonmouth, 9.57 am, 13.3m (43.5ft); 10.11 pm, 13.2m (43.3ft). Dover, 1.23 am, 6.6m (21.6ft); 1.39 pm, 6.7m (22.0ft). Hull, 8.38 am, 7.4m (24.4ft); 9.2 pm, 7.2m (23.7ft). Liverpool, 1.30 am, 9.4m (30.7ft); 1.53 pm, 9.4m (30.7ft).

A deep depression is moving E just north of Scotland. A strong W airstream predominates with mainly dry weather in England and Wales.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE, Central S England, Channel Islands: Dry, sunny periods developing; wind W, moderate or fresh; max temp 18°C (64°F).

East Anglia, Midlands, E England: Mainly dry, sunny periods developing; wind W, fresh; max temp 18°C (64°F).

SW England, S Wales: Dry, sunny intervals; wind W, moderate or fresh; max temp 17°C (63°F).

N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, central N, NE, NW England: Mainly dry, sunny periods developing; wind W, fresh or strong; max temp 17°C (63°F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland: Rather cloudy, rain in places and hill fog patches; wind W, fresh or strong; max temp 16°C (61°F).

Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, rain heavy at times, hill fog; wind W, strong with gales in exposed places; max temp 14°C (57°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Scotland and N Ireland: Cloudy, rain, becoming much colder and showery on Saturday; England and Wales: Dry, sunny and windy rain in places on Saturd Sea passages: S No Wind W, fresh or str moderate or rough.
Strait of Dover, Channel (E): Wind W, or fresh; sea slight or
St George's Channel. Wind W, strong or rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 7 pm, 17°C (63°F); min ant, 8°C (46°F). Humidi 39 per cent. Rain, 24 hr nil. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm Bar. mean sea level, 7 millibars rising.

1,000 millibars = 29.53 in

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; hl, hail; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Alicante	s	31	88	Cologne	c	9	48	L. Palmas	s	33	73	Naples	f	19	66
Algiers	s	24	75	Copenhgn	f	11	52	Lisbon	s	21	70	Nice	f	19	66
Amsterdm	c	11	52	Dublin	c	10	50	Locarno	r	16	61	Oslo	f	11	52
Athens	s	34	93	Edinburgh	r	13	55	London	hl	14	57	Paris	f	19	66
Barcelona	f	27	81	Florence	f	25	77	Luxembrg	f	19	66	Reykjavik	f	9	48
Belfast	r	11	52	Funchal	s	23	73	Madrid	s	29	84	Rome	c	26	79
Biarritz	s	24	75	Geneva	f	20	68	Majorca	s	28	82	Rotterdam	f	12	54
Birmingham	r	12	54	Gibraltar	s	27	81	Malaga	s	31	88	Stockholm	f	11	52
Bristol	r	15	59	Guernsey	f	15	59	Malta	s	35	95	Tel Aviv	s	37	99
Brussels	f	13	55	Helsinki	r	6	43	Manchstr	r	12	54	Tunis	f	35	95
Budapest	c	22	72	Innsbruck	r	10	50	Miami	f	30	86	Vienna	f	20	68
Cardiff	r	13	55	Istanbul	f	25	77	Moscow	hl	9	48	Warsaw	f	19	66
Chicago	s	14	57	Jersey	f	14	57	Munich	r	8	46	Zurich	r	7	45

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LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE/BLACKPOOL

Dr Owen pledges that Britain will not try to go it alone in southern Africa

Britain could not go it alone in southern Africa or operate against the international community, Dr David Owen, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said when he intervened at Blackpool yesterday during an emergency debate on the breaking of sanctions against Rhodesia.

Dr Owen said the Government was committed to working through the United Nations. Britain would fulfil her responsibilities in Rhodesia and would not embark on a desperate act of recolonization.

Mrs Judith Hart, Minister for Overseas Development, speaking for the national executive, called for a formal and wide-ranging public inquiry, with access to all papers, into the sanctions affair.

Opening the debate, Mr Ernest Ross, prospective parliamentary candidate for Dundee, West, named British companies, including BP in which the state had a controlling holding, of systematically and cynically undermining and rendering useless the strategy of the Labour Government and the United Nations to bring down the white racist and illegal regime of Mr Ian Smith.

Before the conference was an emergency resolution calling for a complete and public investigation of the sanction-breaking activities, and an NEC statement urging the Government to compel companies to disclose full information about their operations abroad and to bring BP and its subsidiaries under full public control.

The NEC also called on the Government to apply effective sanctions against Rhodesia and to work at the United Nations towards a mandatory ban on all trade with South Africa, and in the first instance to support the proposal at the United Nations for mandatory oil sanctions against South Africa.

Mr Ross, moving the emergency resolution, said there breaking the oil sanctions had caused a situation in which the population of Rhodesia and the neighbouring countries had continued to suffer misery, war and degradation.

"Their conduct cries out for condemnation by the entire civilized world", he declared. "What appears worse is that the Labour Government of that period knew and did nothing about this destruction of their own policy.

"We must not allow the Bingham report to be swept under the carpet", Mr Ross said. "There must be a full public inquiry. Justice must be seen to be done. There must be no cover-up."

Mrs Mary Panko (West Aberdeenshire) said there should be an investigation by a Commons select committee, empowered to demand full access to the files which would give a complete record of the dealings between the Government and the oil companies prior to sanctions and since the unilateral declaration of independence.

The Labour Party, she suggested, should start its own inquiry to deal in appropriate fashion with any members who might have been involved and might still be implicated in sanctions breaking.

Mr Julian Filochowski, prospective parliamentary candidate for Richmond, said the Bingham report had disclosed an ignominious and shameful chapter in Britain's relations with southern Africa. On the question of oil, the jugular vein of Mr Smith's economy, Britain had been found wanting.

He pointed out: "If the Bingham report is proven, those concerned, all of them, oil company officials, government ministers and British civil servants, are guilty of aiding and abetting an act of treason against the Queen's Government."

Lord Brockway recalled that 11 years ago he received from the President of Zambia a detailed statement showing how companies were outraging the oil sanctions on Rhodesia. He raised the matter in the House of Lords in March, 1968, and was informed that the document sent by President Kaunda was a fabrication, planted on Mr Kaunda.

"I was given an assurance 10 years ago that no British companies were themselves supplying oil to Rhodesia", Lord Brockway added.

"I should have taken note of the fact that the word 'themselves' was used because even at that time Shell and BP were supplying oil, first through their subsidiaries in South Africa and second by an exchange arrangement with the French firm Total.

"The British Government at that time was blockading Beira at very great expense. The oil companies did not care a damn. Lourenco Marques was open and they could send oil through that port and the British Government 10 years ago declined my suggestion that they should blockade and get the United Nations to blockade Lourenco Marques as well.

"I am not suggesting that most of the members of our Labour Government at that time, even of the Tory government that followed, were aware of what was happening. But some must have been. Even at the cost of some exposure the integrity of our party demands that a full investigation with all the Cabinet papers available shall be made." (Loud applause.)

Dr Owen, said he knew well that every delegate and person in the hall was concerned about the revelations over sanctions breaking into Rhodesia, as were the Government. The Government had been determined when the allegations were made there should be no cover-up. They were scrupulous in establishing an inquiry. Many people had doubted that they would publish that inquiry and he hoped that as many of the delegates as possible would read that report.

"The Government and the country must face up to the implications of that report and the first opportunity to do so will be the full-scale debate that James Callaghan has promised in the House of Commons when we return.

"Do not let us be party to any denigration of the concept of sanctions. There are many people, many vested industries, that have always wanted to decry the effectiveness of sanctions, who even now would wish to undermine the whole concept of using peaceful means to change governments and to bring about change in our world through United Nations sanctions.

"Our party must learn the lesson for the future to see that they can be made more effective."

Dr Owen said South Africa faced a grave crisis. Rejection of the United Nations settlement for Namibia by the previous South African Government was a major blow. The new South African Government had given an assurance that they had not closed the door. The failure to involve the United Nations in a settlement in Namibia would almost certainly have serious repercussions for a settlement in Rhodesia.

The South African-backed internal settlement in Namibia could well lead to open South African support for the Rhodesian internal settlement and South Africa abandoning any influence on Salisbury to achieve a negotiated settlement.

He hoped in the next few weeks before the United Nations Security Council returned to the debate over Namibia wiser counsel would prevail.

The British Government wanted a small informal conference on Rhodesia. They did not want another Geneva, such a conference was extremely unlikely to succeed and might not take place until the parties could come closer on the basic structure of the settlement to be discussed.

"Britain cannot go it alone in southern Africa or operate against the international community. We refused to act alone in 1965. We are now firmly committed to work through the United Nations, particularly with our four Western allies over Namibia and the United States over Rhodesia.

"We will live up to our responsibilities to the full. The message to those in Salisbury must be clear. If we are to be involved they must accept the involvement of the United Nations as well.

"We have never administered Rhodesia and we are not now about to embark in disastrous circumstances on a desperate act of recolonisation. Britain will fulfil its responsibilities.

"We will fulfil our responsibilities honestly and fairly. We want peace. We want a ceasefire. We want an inclusive settlement. We want majority rule. We want a non-racial Zimbabwe."

Mr Bryan Davies, MP for Enfield, North, said the real emergency at present was not to rake over the issues of the past but solve the problems of the present. Whatever recriminations they might have of the failure in 1965 to take a decision on armed intervention or the failure of sanctions the real problem in Rhodesia had been a racialist minority determined to resist majority rule. It was not a time for recriminations about the past but it was time to guarantee that the Patriotic Front was brought into settlement in which clear progress to majority rule was implemented as rapidly as possible.

Mrs Hart said the conference had shown its concern that there should be no cover-up on what ever may have happened between 1965 and now. Bingham had reported on how oil went into Rhodesia and on the involvement of the oil companies, but Bingham did not look at the responsibility or the degree of knowledge of those matters on the part of officials in Whitehall and ministers at all levels.

The NEC believed there was a need for a formal and wide-ranging public inquiry with all the relevant papers available to it. The form the inquiry should take, it believed, was considerably to be determined by which formal inquiry would most easily offer a complete access to all papers.

Mrs Hart said that if another piece of party policy were implemented, a freedom of information Act, they would have better access to the truth at this moment.

There had never been a moment of more dangerous crisis in southern Africa than there was at present. Rejection of the United Nations proposals on Namibia could only create a dangerous escalation of tension.

The NEC had called for an end to trade and investment in South Africa, and called on the Government to work for international action towards that end, and although that presented economic problems they had to be faced and solved.

In Zimbabwe they were committed to economic assistance to the front-line states because they fully understood the sacrifices they had made and were making in the process of sanctions policy. A month ago, Mrs Hart said, she had accepted on behalf of the Government an award from the United Nations High Commissioner for refugees. Britain had become the biggest donor to the United Nations to help refugees and a substantial element in that was the help given to refugees in southern Africa.

She said that the urgency now was for an all-party conference on the basis of proposals that offered the possibility of a fair and just independence for Zimbabwe.

A message should go out from the conference to their friends in southern Africa. Through the years the movement had identified itself with the cause of liberation in Zimbabwe. They hoped the war and human suffering could be ended.

"We believe a free and independent Zimbabwe can now be achieved round the conference table. We believe that the basis of possible agreement is there. I hope it will happen, but it should be clear that the commitment of this party and movement and the Government is to liberation of the people of southern Africa. To that cause every one of us is completely dedicated."

The resolution and statement were carried unanimously.



Delegates who took part in the debates yesterday includes (top) Lord Brockway and Lord Noel-Baker, (centre) Mrs Renée Short and Mrs Judith Hart, and (bottom) Mr Danny Brown and Dr David Owen.

Government accused of lack of political will over comprehensive education

Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, described to the conference now the battle over comprehensive education was switching to the courts.

Speaker after speaker had called for action against Conservative-controlled education authorities who were refusing to introduce comprehensive education in their areas under the 1976 Act and accused the Government of lacking the political will.

But Mrs Williams, replying to the debate for the national executive said the Government was pushing, pressing as hard as it could. Court actions were pending: more were in the pipeline. Some were brought by authorities who said she was exceeding her powers; others had been brought by her department. What would happen rested with the courts over whom she had no jurisdiction.

She also promised action to close a loophole through which some authorities were seeking to pay for places at independent schools under a law largely concerned with help for charitable institutions.

Julie Smith (Hemel Hempstead) told the conference that there should be immediate implementation of the 1976 Education Act and immediate sanctions on those Tory-controlled local authorities who were refusing to implement it.

She was moving a composite resolution calling for measures which gave positive advantages to all children and at the same time reduced the number of unemployed teachers.

The resolution demanded a radical reappraisal of the first year of education; immediate government action to make nursery education a statutory duty on all local authorities; reduction of class sizes to no greater than 25; an increase in the amount of remedial and cultural teaching, particularly in socially deprived areas; implementation of the 1976 Education Act in Conservative-controlled local authorities refusing to implement comprehensive education and the elimination of the socially divisive private sector.

Seconding the composite motion, Mr Pat Wall (Shipley) said there were 60,000 primary school classes in the country with more than 30 children and 23,000 classes in secondary schools with more than 30 children.

"We need 56,000 more teachers to bring classes down to under 30. Many of those teachers were available, willing to teach and were unemployed or doing menial jobs."

Mr David Robinson (Socialist Education Association) spoke to an amended resolution drawing the Government's attention to the use of public money to subsidize "so-called independent schools". It called for an amendment to the Local Government Act 1972 to prevent "non-education" local authorities from using the rate precept to provide and subsidize places in these schools.

Mr Bob Crossley (Rochdale) moved a resolution demanding a comprehensive system of day care and education provided by the state free of charge to all children under five whose parents wanted to make use of it. It also called for the restoration of cuts in the nursery school and day nursery building programme and a massive expansion of facilities.

Mr Robert Mallon (Kingston upon Thames) said they all knew there were constraints on Government constraints of resources and constraints brought about by their lack of a parliamentary majority. But the implementation of the 1976 Education Act in respect of Tory authorities who had refused to implement comprehensive education did not rely on resources or a parliamentary majority. It relied on political will.

In Kingston they were in the middle of an elaborate charade between the Tory council and the Secretary of State to which they could see no end. Mrs Williams must take action on this matter.

Mr Keith Taylor, National Union of Public Employees, said the private sector of education had long been a hotbed of snobbery and elitism.

Where a Tory authority refused to reorganize on comprehensive lines and jeopardized the future of children a team from the Department of Education should go in and do the job for them.

Mrs Williams said the national executive recommended acceptance of the Hemel Hempstead and Rochdale resolutions and remittance of the amendment.

The Department of Education and Science and the Department of Health and Social Services were getting together on a coordinated programme for the under-fives in which they would build around new nursery schools provision for all sorts of care for under-fives, especially in the inner cities. But the resolution called on the Government to implement these proposals immediately, it called for example for statutory legislation to bring about the introduction of day nurseries.

The fact had to be faced that there was a mixed system in which local government operated the education system. If the Government provided the facilities for nursery education and it was then not taken up by Conservative authorities, delegates must direct their criticism to those Conservative authorities who were putting the saving of rates ahead of the education of their children.

In 1976 before the Education Act of that year was passed 7,000 private places were bought with public education money. Local authorities bought that many places in the independent schools. This year that figure had been halved and next year it would be cut again.

She went on: "The only places we will now allow to be bought in the independent sector is where there is literally no room for the kids in public sector or the schools are in transition toward comprehensive education like some of the denominational schools. That position is being cleared up very fast."

But a new loophole had been found: not in the education Acts but in the local government Acts under which Manchester, Wythenshawe, was seeking to pay for places in independent schools as a result of a law largely concerned with help for charitable institutions.

"Peter Shore and I are looking at this closely. If local authorities follow that road they will be stopped. We have no intention of allowing the education system to be undermined in this way."

There was one problem with the motion. There were charities that were real and charities that were not. Behind the front of the genuine charities had been gathering a great many public schools with nothing to do with charities.

Mrs Williams said there were still some classes of more than 30 pupils but seven out of eight secondary classes were under that size and two out of three primary classes.

Last year local authorities spent £8m less on books and equipment than the Government made available. They spent £30m less on in-service training of teachers, directly related to the quality of education, than the Government made available.

Replying to complaints about a lack of political will over comprehensive education Mrs Williams said that 83 per cent of children were in comprehensive schools and 503 proposals and schemes had been accepted since 1974.

What they were down to was the most recalcitrant authorities of all. During the next few weeks and months, and the timing did not rest with her, they would have court actions with Kirklees, Sutton, Redbridge, Birmingham and Ripon and there were six more cases waiting in line. They had been told that if they did not comply, there would be a court case.

Some of the court cases had been brought by Tories who said she was exceeding her powers, others had been brought by her department.

The Hemel Hempstead composite motion was carried, as were the amended resolution and the motion on nursery education.

Ban sought on nuclear weapons

The world was becoming more dangerous, Mr Samuel Seymour, National Union of Sheet Metal Workers, Coppersmiths and Heating and Domestic Engineers, said, when he successfully moved a resolution urging the Government actively to promote nuclear disarmament by standing by Labour's 1974 pledge not to develop a new generation of strategic nuclear weapons to succeed Polaris, by actively opposing the development and production of new nuclear weapons and their deployment in Europe, and initiation of international negotiations to bring about agreements and measures totally banning these weapons.

Mr Nick Elliott (Sheffield, Attercliffe) said The Labour Party was one which placed value on humanity in their philosophy and policies. They should not allow their Government to develop a new generation of nuclear weapons.

Lord Noel-Baker, the veteran disarmament campaigner and Nobel Peace Prize winner, received a standing ovation when in a moving speech he reminded conference of the dropping of the first nuclear bomb on Hiroshima.

"The first atom bomb weighed less than 5 lbs," he said. "It was a little larger than a cricket ball. It killed 200,000 people on the spot. In 1976 2,700 died from its long-term effects.

"Today in Hiroshima many, many young adults who were only embryos in their mothers' womb when the bomb exploded have leukemia and will die, babies are being born who in a short time are doomed to die."

Recommending on behalf of the NEC acceptance of the composite resolution, Mr Harold Hickling, General and Municipal Workers' Union, asked how many more useless set piece international gatherings had to take place before people realized nuclear disarmament could only be achieved if someone had the guts to break the deadlock.

Call for open-door policy fails

A motion calling for a campaign to oppose all immigration Acts and recognizing the rights of blacks to organize their own self-defence was defeated on a show of hands, after a debate on racialism.

During the debate Mr Pamel Brown, of the Bakers' Union, who is black, complained about the lack of representation at the conference from the immigrant community and urged the Labour Party to set their own house in order on this issue.

The immigration laws were racially inspired and must be opposed. Mr Colin Adams (Brent, East) said when he moved a composite resolution on racialism.

The resolution condemned the Select Committee on Race Relations report which "capitulates to the racialist premise that black immigrants are responsible for the problems that face working people" and advocated opposition to all immigration Acts.

It noted the harassment suffered by the black community at the hands of the police and the vicious attacks from racists and recognized the right of blacks to organize their own self-defence. There should be no platform for fascists in future, all legislation enabling the police to detain without evidence should be repealed, particularly section four of the 1842 Vagrancy Act; there should be an independent inquiry into relations between the police and young black people and the increasing number of assaults by police on young people and suspected illegal immigrants should not be held in prison for prolonged periods without being charged.

Mr Adams said the National Front was a fascist party lead by avowed nazis. The aim of the fascists was to smash the labour and trade union movement.

Mr Paul Moore (Lambeth, Central), seconding the resolution, said that in certain areas the police were conducting a sustained campaign to harass black young people using a law which was 150 years old, the Vagrancy Act. That was not a situation that should be going on under a Labour Government.

Mr Peter Jarvis (Cardiff, West) moved a similar composite motion. He said it had been necessary to table it because its supporters disagreed with the parts of the previous motion calling for opposition to all immigration Acts and recognizing the right of blacks to organize their own self defence. They did not think it reasonable or realistic to sweep away all immigration controls and they were not prepared to give encouragement to the formation of vigilante groups, black, white or brown.

Catharine Hoey (Hackney, North and Stoke Newington) said recently the National Front had got control of a building in the heart of the Brick Lane area which they wished to use as their headquarters. The people of Hackney did not want the NF headquarters and they would not have them with the Labour movement's support.

The Asians and Bengalis in Brick Lane had no confidence in the police as protectors. There was well-documented evidence to show that the harassment of Asians by many of the police in that area was as great a threat as that of the National Front.

There should be an independent inquiry into police behaviour in that area. Whatever the conference said defence committees would be formed and her constituency would continue to support them.

Mr Tom Torney, MP for Bradford, South, and a member of the Select Committee on Race Relations, said the report did not say it was the fault of black people that there were bad economic conditions. What it did say was that they had to be realistic.

There were loud protests when Mr Torney went on: "It does not help race relations to bring a great number of people into a country that already has one and a half million unemployed. It does not help black people or race relations to bring in additional coloured people or any immigrants when you have not got enough homes to go round already. It does nothing for race relations. You have to face the facts."

Mr Edward Knights, prospective parliamentary candidate for Hornsey, said the fight against racialism could not be separated from the fight against unemployment, bad housing and lack of social services. Conference should support the Brent, East resolution and give the Labour Party a clear lead.

Mr Alex Lyon, MP for York, said that to pass that resolution would not help the cause of racial justice. To ask for no immigration control was to make things worse for the black people in this country. It was not the way forward.

Mr Victor Gradowski, leader of Slough Labour group, said the organization of self-defence units could introduce the law of the jungle. He knew nobody in Slough's Asian community who would want to take on the responsibility of that type of defence.

The National Front fed like a vampire on community problems and public ignorance. Labour intended if reelected in Slough, to ban the Front from all civic properties for ever.

Mrs Renée Short, MP for Wolverhampton, North-East, for the national executive, said they could not accept parts of the Brent, East resolution. It was not Government or trade union policy to support an open-door policy. That was not a policy that her Indian, Pakistani and West Indian constituents asked for. They asked her about bringing in their fiances and families and policy was to continue with the humane policy of reuniting families.

The NEC had produced a policy statement Response to the National Front which provided the framework for a tough policy towards the National Front. She hoped it would be the new policy of the party.

The Home Secretary, Mr Merlyn Rees, must realize that it was not acceptable to see the National Front being protected by phalanxes of police as they marched through the streets. It was not acceptable that they should be allowed to march protected by police, through inner city areas where large numbers of Asian and West African families lived.

It was not acceptable for them to take over the streets in working class areas where many people knew what happened before when the fascists marched. It was not acceptable that chief constables should reach agreements with the National Front for holding meetings.

Neither was it acceptable that the police should be infiltrated by fascist sympathizers. The Home Secretary had to take on board complaints from many areas of London and the West Midlands about the state of the police today.

The Home Secretary and Attorney General must use the power that the law gave them effectively and to the full against the hooligans and if they needed more powers they should seek them from Parliament.

The Brent, East, motion was lost on a show of hands and the Cardiff, West, motion was, on the recommendation of the NEC, remitted.

Challenge of jobs without rearmament

There was a deliberate attempt by the right in Britain to stir again the fears of the cold war for domestic political purposes of their own, Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, said last night.

In a rousing speech to a Tribune rally, he declared: "Let us say it plainly. We hire the generals of this country to work for elected ministers, and not the other way round. The day when that changes, the democracy we hire them to preserve will go in the process of the transfer of power."

Mr Benn had said that the slump of the 1930s was solved by the rearmament that finally brought the world back to full employment by creating the weapons of destruction. "The challenge for our generation is how we are going to bring people back to work without the curse of rearmament, and the danger of nuclear war."

He said: "We cannot accept that there is to be a campaign for rearmament designed to have an impact either at home in terms of restoring full employment, or creating some overseas events which will change the nature of our society at home."

Hundreds of millions of people in the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, China, western Europe, capitalist America, Latin America, and Africa were yearning to enter into a dialogue with the greatest democratic socialist movement in the world, that in Britain.

Earlier, Mr Ian Mikardo, who this week lost his seat on the national executive, said that the conference for the first time had refused to be conned by the hoary myth sprung on them by every leader of the party since Ramsay Macdonald, that irrespective of whether Labour Party policies were good or bad, people would vote Labour as long as the party never criticized the Government.

They had not fallen for it this week, but in the past they always had. What was right in principle was almost always in the long run electorally advantageous.

Move to leave European Community soundly rejected

The pledges which the conference considered, the Labour Party should have in its next election manifesto in relation to the EEC were set out in a composite motion which was carried in a card vote by 4,846,000 votes to 1,639,000.

The motion was first overwhelmingly carried by a show of hands, but persistent calls from the body of the hall compelled Miss Joan Lestor, the chairman, to hold a card vote.

Delegates rejected by a large majority without a card vote a resolution calling on the Government to start negotiations for Britain's withdrawal from the Community.

Mr Ronald Hayward, general secretary of the party, in responding to one of the main points in the composite motion, said the time had come for the Government to restore to the House of Commons the power to decide whether any EEC legislation should apply to the United Kingdom and, if necessary, Labour must amend the European Communities Act.

Mr Ronald Evans (Ebbw Vale), opening the debate, said Labour grew up to capture power through Parliament and if power went elsewhere the party as well as the nation would be injured. He moved a composite resolution calling on the national executive when formulating the Labour manifesto for the next election to ensure that it contained a promise to amend the 1972 European Communities Act so as to restore to the House of Commons the power to decide whether any EEC regulation, directive or decision should be applicable to the United Kingdom.

The resolution also called for the inclusion in the manifesto of pledges to reform fundamentally the common agricultural policy to permit food imports from the world market, abolish food mountains and allow member states to adopt a deficiency payments system; rewrite the Treaty of Rome so as to curtail the powers of the Commission and give express recognition to the rights of member states to pursue their own economic, industrial and regional policies; reject any moves towards economic and monetary union and any other encroachment on the rights to self-government of member states including any extension of the EEC assembly's powers; to ensure that the benefits of Britain's indigenous fuels were retained for the British people; and to transform the EEC into an enlarged, reformed and more flexible institution in which independent states could meet and discuss issues of mutual concern.

Mr Evans said the influence of the EEC was so strong in Britain that the Government could not guarantee that Parliament would be able to discuss, let alone decide on, Brussels proposals. If they were not careful they would be on the way to full economic union.

Mr Joseph Holmes (Dover and Deal), seconding the resolution, said there was a surplus of coal in the United Kingdom, but the EEC countries were not prepared to take it. Instead they were prepared to take cheap coal from Poland, South Africa and America for the sake of economic gain.

Mr Owen Evans (Southgate) moved a resolution complaining of the Government's complete failure to achieve any reform of the common agricultural policy, despite the Prime Minister's assurances and undertakings. It called on the Government to commence negotiations for Britain's withdrawal from the EEC, thereby enabling Britain once again to trade freely in world markets and eliminate its subservience to multinational control of labour, capital, investment and the general bureaucracy of Brussels.

Jean Yates (Lancaster), seconding, said she was distressed to think that it was the last time the conference would be able to control it own destinies.

Mr Hilary Benn (Acton), supporting the composite resolution, said membership of the EEC had been a disaster. Every warning the Labour Party gave the electorate about the harsh realities had been proved true. The conference must say to the Government: "We would have nothing to do with the economic and monetary system on any terms." The EEC had nothing to do with socialism.

Mr John Prescott, leader of the Labour delegation to the European Assembly and MP for Kingston-upon-Hull, East, said he did not believe it was possible for the United Kingdom to leave the European Community. The European Commission was a political body embarking towards a federal Europe. He wanted as an essential first step to see the resolutions calling for amendment of the European Communities Act to be included in the party manifesto so that Parliament could impose controls and maintain the veto.

Mr Hayward said the stream of proposals emanating from Brussels was so great and rapid that a computer was needed to deal with them. The effect of those proposals should be the responsibility not only of ministers but of the House of Commons. That was why the NEC was recommending acceptance of the resolution to amend the European Communities Act.

"The time has come to bring back the authority of the House of Commons as the legislative forum of Britain", Mr Hayward asserted, amid applause.

Conference notebook from Hugh Noyes

Rebels kept firmly in order

For one glorious moment yesterday afternoon it looked though the Labour conference might collapse in a riot of democratic zeal. Indeed, it seemed for a while that the motherly but effectual chairwoman, Miss Joan Lestor, might be carted off to people's court to be charged with the heinous crime of so confusing Mr Hugh Scanlon, president of the AUEW, that he failed to cast his million votes in Tuesday's debate on the reselection of MPs.

Anyone with experience of Scanlon or who has witnessed his skill in getting his way with conference after conference and in negotiation after negotiation will be surprised to hear that it could ever be procedurally confused, even by Miss Lestor. But incredible though it may seem that was the claim by the ardent and high-principled democrats eager to establish a system for reselection of MPs which, it was widely feared, would open the door for all sorts of unpleasant activities by sinister minority groups unfriendly to the sitting MP or to Labour government policy.

It was even being rumoured though hotly denied by the officials concerned, that the bitter Joan had overruled the awesome conference arrangements committee, which was said to have voted 3-2 for another vote. Then as one of the many hundreds of pamphlets that flutter down around the conference hall pointed out: "Could Hugh Scanlon, a leading figure in the Labour movement for so many years, be that easily confused?

Whether Miss Lestor remembered or not, she regretted Scanlon's predicament remained adamant. Delegates could jump up and down and scream their heads off at "common decency" and "parliamentary democracy" but there would be no second vote.

Someone tried to move a motion of no confidence in the chair, who was told brusquely by Miss Lestor that there was no procedure for doing that. Sternly ordering the rebellious delegates to sit down and behave themselves, she informed conference: "Let us have a little democracy in this hall".

It was all very entertaining and at last peace was restored. Miss Lestor's ruffled feathers began to settle and delegates returned to their more traditional battles over nuclear weapons, on race, or scrapping out of Europe.

But for much of yesterday afternoon it seemed to be going on outside the hall than inside. One group was trying to preserve the peace, another wanted to ban the Moscow Olympics, while a third was protesting about something called the "Manchester Mafia".

Although the almost all young ladies campaigning against in the week against nationalization of the building industry unhappily gone home, there were other attractions putting forward the cause of women in Iran and "hounds off our wild life".

But politically, if not physically, the most interesting of these sideshows was a group with placards asking for help from Jim. They claimed that their jobs would be lost next Friday as a direct result of action taken by the Transport and General Workers' Union headed by Mr Moslyn (Moss) Evans.

According to Mr Bryan Davies, a TGWU deputy shop steward at Mac's Transport was closing down because, although 24 drivers had settled for an 11 per cent increase in pay, another 11 were striking for an additional 14½ per cent. The union gave its official backing to the strikers and blacked all the company's lorries.

There was a suspicion perhaps Mr Evans or his officials were not too happy at 11 per cent settlements while they still had Ford workers striking against Government guidelines. What was the reason, Mr Evans called on the demonstrators during the lunch to promise a personal investigation into the dispute. There had been enough confrontations this week to last Mr Evans a long time.

As Mr David Basnett, general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers, gave a warning against Tory campaigns to set up credit unions, it seemed that he might not be doing too much to discrediting job on their own.

Ennals denial of being 'caught on ho

From George Clark
Political Correspondent

Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, said last night that he had been "caught on the hop" by Mr Callaghan's announcement at the conference on Tuesday that the next parliamentary session would contain legislation to reform the National Health Service.

A woman delegate, at a meeting organized for Labour members of health authorities to give their views, suggested that Mr Callaghan had been taken by surprise because the Government must act upon the report of the Royal Commission on the National Health Service, the reorganization of which would be a long way down the queue, she said. It would be years, perhaps more, before anything was done.

Mr Ennals found the suggestion ludicrous, but did emphasize that the Prime Minister had said that legislation would be submitted on the recommendations of the royal commission.

"I am delighted with what the Prime Minister said and the way he has given to it by confirming it", he said. "I am extremely anxious that we should be ready with our ideas so that we can move more quickly to the royal commission recommendations."

He did not want to hear from Tories and declare in advance that any one tier of administration should be abolished. The needs of Birmingham, for example, would differ greatly from those of a rural area, say, Gloucestershire. He did not want to be stuck on a common pattern which goes right across the country.

Discussing various forms of local organization, Mr Ennals said he was not to favour handing over all health responsibilities to the local authorities. If the services were to be rate-financed, then a Conservative-controlled authority could introduce new Health Service charges and standards of service, and care could vary from one part of the country to another.

There had also been a call for a health authority to ensure high standards and a minister to be answerable to Parliament and to the people.

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Buying round of drinks is ruled out of television advertising

By Kenneth Gosling

Changes in the rules governing the advertising of alcohol on commercial television and radio, including a prohibition on references to "buying a round", were announced yesterday by the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

The IBA has also looked again at advertising directed at children and issued guidelines on the interpretation of its code of advertising standards and practice as it applies to the advertising of family planning services. The ban on the brand advertising of contraceptives is retained.

Mr Peter Woodhouse, the IBA head of advertising control, said it was felt that the social obligation to buy a round sometimes encouraged excessive drinking. But the ban will not include buying a drink for a friend.

Advertisements in future must not suggest that regular solitary drinking is acceptable, or that performance in sport can be improved by drink. The advertiser will be allowed to say only that it is refreshing afterwards.

Another new rule says the featuring of special daring or toughness must not be used in a way "likely to associate the act of drinking with masculinity".

It was not unknown, Mr Woodhouse said, for a rugby team to enjoy a pint after a match and that sort of scene would not be prevented. "On the other hand, we do not want suggestions that drinking alcohol shows you are a real man."

Advertisements for toys and games must not use too strong an element of fantasy so as to mislead children into unreasonable expectation.

"Advertisements", a new rule says, "must not directly urge children to purchase or ask their parents or others to make inquiries or purchases." The present rule requiring that a free gift offer should place its main emphasis on the product being advertised has been dropped.

Although the brand advertising of contraceptives will still not be allowed, official or officially sponsored bodies concerned with family planning will be allowed to be more persuasive in their advertising.

The guidelines include timing restrictions when children are likely to be viewing or listening. Advertisements may be addressed to the unmarried as well as the married, "but premarital sex may not be explicitly condoned".

Aspects of oil, 3: Effect on Scotland's infrastructure

No longer just a poor relation

By Dan van der Vat

Geography and geology decree that most of Britain's North Sea oil deposits must be brought ashore in Scotland because most known reserves lie north-east of the United Kingdom.

Although Scotland is about half the size of England and Wales, it has only one-ninth of its population, and its roads and railways reflect this lack of population to a degree that many Scots have long thought excessive.

The sudden need for swift access to previously unvisited areas, the influx of labour and shift of population in Scotland after the Government ordered that oil must be exploited as quickly as possible, have produced drastic effects on Scotland's tenuous infrastructure.

The full extent is not easy to measure, but some figures relating to the public sector help to give an idea of how Scotland, relative to its proportion of the United Kingdom population, has in recent years drawn the kind of social investment that it might never have had but for oil.

In the five years to June, 1978, 16,500 houses costing £200m were built in what are officially called "oil-related areas". A further £125m has been invested in water and sewerage schemes.

Roads have cost a further £120m, most of which has gone on improving the A9 trunk road between Perth and Inverness. About £25m has been committed to expanding the airports at Aberdeen (now Britain's fastest growing airport) and Sumburgh, in Shetland, with £18m more earmarked for further development.

British Rail has invested £4m on restoring some of the services it cut 15 years ago. Lines reduced to single track have been doubled, stations have been reopened and out-of-date rolling stock is slowly being modernized. Another £23m has been invested on harbour improvements at Aberdeen and Peterhead.

All that tells only part of the story. Schools have been built, health services improved and local authority premises rebuilt or expanded (only partly as a result of local government reorganization).

Scotland has ceased to be the poor relation in many social respects to an extent which obliges even cynics to attribute most of this to oil rather than to resurgent nationalism.

The Government recognizes this, allocating oil-related support grants in addition to normal rate-support grants which almost every local authority in the United Kingdom gets.

Even so, the authorities in Scotland's oil areas, mainly along the east coast, are disturbed by the money they are having to pour into new facilities with, in most cases, no guarantee that they will receive a direct return.

However, much of that kind of investment will be of immense social value long after the oil peters out.

Better roads will draw tourists farther north. The shortage of housing in boom areas, which has raised prices in the short term, is provoking huge expansion in the medium term and will improve and extend the housing stock for many decades.

Local authorities and central government have to face disadvantages in coping with the social effect of oil, including the fact that they are often obliged to react to a new need rather than being able to act to forestall it. Economic forces dictate the allocation of social investment.

When Scotland gets its assembly under present devolution proposals, new tension is likely to be added to controversies about the siting of oil-related industrial undertakings and the allocation of funds to provide them with social services.

The local authorities will continue to be responsible for providing new infrastructure facilities, and central government will retain overall power over oil and reserve powers in planning. The assembly will be responsible for the environment and social services, which could lead to conflict with both existing tiers of government.

It is easy to exaggerate the effect of oil on Scotland because of its spectacular effect on specific areas. The main benefit is probably to be seen in the 60,000 jobs oil has brought, but the less dramatic improvements in infrastructure to be seen in many areas will probably outlast everything else.

Next: How oil has reversed emigration.

Examiners try to give more details of marking

By Our Education Correspondent

The Associated Examining Board is experimenting to see whether it is feasible and desirable to give candidates more information about their examination results.

A selection of candidates who took the board's A-level German examination this summer, will soon be receiving separate grades for the oral and written parts of their examinations in addition to the overall final grade. Separate grades for practical and written work will also go to some photography A-level candidates.

The study is part of continuous research into the way examinations are set, marked and reported and into how standards are maintained.

Mr James Houston, head of the board's research team, said that the board was considering issuing separate results in certain subjects where practical, written and oral skills were tested.

The board had also considered issuing separate marks for each written paper within a subject, but had found that the difficulties of explaining to a candidate why, for example, he had only achieved a grade D on his O level, when he had been given two Cs and a D on his individual papers, were considerable.

It would also be expensive to send out separate results for the 750,000 subjects sat by the board's O-level and A-level candidates each year.

500,000 women have given up the pill

More than half a million women, mainly over the age of 30, have given up using the contraceptive pill in the past year, according to the Family Planning Association. They have given up after hearing advice to women over 35 to use other methods and to those over 30 to change if they had used the pill for five years or more.

Family planning experts are worried that some younger women may unnecessarily have given up the Pill in the light of advice intended for older women.

Perhaps 100,000 women, they believe are putting themselves at risk of unwanted pregnancies. At the same time, the association says, clinics are swamped by the demand for vasectomy and sterilization operations.

It says that about 3,100,000 women now take the Pill, against 3,600,000 a year ago. About 2,700,000 men use the sheath, between 100,000 and 200,000 more than last year, and about 25,000 more women are using the cap with similar increases in the use of the intrauterine device or coil.

The number of vasectomies and sterilizations performed in the past year could be 150,000 or more it says. The wait for vasectomies in London and the South-East is now eight to 12 weeks and longer elsewhere. Waiting time for female sterilization under the National Health Service can be up to two years.

The estimated drop in Pill usage most probably reflects a change of method by women over 30", the association said. "It looks as if most of these women are still using contraception." But perhaps 100,000 more women were using no contraception, the figures suggest, although their age groups are not known.

Dr Michael Smith, honorary chief medical officer of the association, said yesterday: "It would be a great pity for a physically fit young woman to risk unwanted pregnancy or abodtion because of being put off taking the pill by adverse publicity of possible risks intended for older and less healthy women. It is still a first-class and highly reliable method of contraception for younger women."

The fall in contraceptive use has not yet been markedly reflected in abortion statistics. The number of abortions rose by about a tenth in the June quarter, but the incdease in July was only just over a fiftieth. Births in late August and early September were up to a tenth more than last year.

The rise in the number of births began late last year. Isolating the effect of women giving up the pill from the effect of the larger number of women of child-bearing age as a desult of the "baby booms" in the late 1950s and early 1960s is difficult.

The association is concerned at the long waiting lists for health service sterilizations, particularly as younger couples are coming forward in increasing numbers, and by the refusal of some clinics to provide condoms for men.

Councils look at question of firemen's hours

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

Local authority employers will today anticipate next week's Fire Brigades' Union conference by considering whether to modify conditions they have attached to a reduction in firemen's hours.

Two resolutions down for the conference, which was postponed from the summer to next week in the aftermath of last winter's strike, call for militant action unless the reduction from 48 hours to 42 is granted by November 7.

Bedfordshire branch of the FBU proposes that if the working week has not been reduced by next month the union should "organize and implement its own 42-hour week". The Staffordshire brigade similarly demands that failing a satisfactory outcome to negotiations "all whole-time members work a 42-hour week from November, 1978, on rotas approved by brigades committees without deterioration in present conditions".

Today's meeting of fire service employers will be the first held one since Professor John Wood's report suggested that both sides should urgently set a deadline by which negotiations on the issue would be completed.

The FBU executive, which meets on Sunday, two days before the conference discusses the shorter week in closed session, is likely to propose that a final decision whould wait until a recalled conference next month.

Unilateral reduction of the working week would probably lead in the near future to stations being left unmanned and seriously increase the pressure on fire cover.

The union regards the promise of a shorter week as part of the settlement that ended the firemen's strike last January. Its quarrel with the employers is over the conditions attached by the employers to reducing fiemen's hours.

One of the main ones is the employers' desire to remove the right of veto, which the union now enjoys on any move to turn individual fire stations over to daytime-manning only.

Senior employers' representatives, including Mr Brian Rusbridge, secretary of the official side, travelled to Blackpool earlier this week for informal talks with FBU leaders. Suggestions from both sides last night were that the talks had been helpful.

Much, however, depends not only on the stance that next week's conference takes, but also that taken by the employers' side today.

It was the union's conference which overturned the executive last year by calling the strike, that finally produced a formula under which firemen receive a guaranteed increase this year and next, to bring them into a permanent position in the top quarter of manual workers' earnings.

Several other resolutions call for nationalization of the fire service, which if ever implemented, would mean that wages would be negotiated directly with the Home Office rather than with the local authorities.

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A police constable was estioning a young man after out £18,000 of watches had en taken over from Hoppers vellers in the centre of York sterday when the man took er the controls of the Ford cort patrol car and escaped, ving the policeman on the vement.

Another policeman threw his ncheon, shattering the four ndscreens. The car was found andoned about a mile and a lf away in Ratcliffe Street.

Three young men were involved in the raid. They used ffolding poles to smash the op's new armour-plated winws. They dropped some uable Swiss watches as they l off.

The police went to the useum Gardens district ere the men are thought to ve hidden for about half an ur before separating. The lice car was in a street joining the gardens.

Boys injured three others with air pistol

Three boys aged 12 lined up three younger boys in a playground, produced an air pistol and took turns in firing at them from 10 yards, it was alleged at Oxford Juvenile Court yesterday. One boy was hit in the head, one in the arm and the other in the stomach it was added.

The 12-year-olds admitted assaulting the other boys and having a weapon in a public place and without supervision and were each fined £3. Two of them were ordered to spend 12 hours at a detention centre.

Doctor-editor sued

The Royal Society of Medicine has issued a High Court libel writ against Dr Barbara Evans, a fellow of the society, over an article in World Medicine, of which Dr Evans is managing editor.

rotest over meeting ban n Astrid Proll

a Staff Reporter

olicitors representing Astrid ll, the alleged Baader-inhof terrorist now awaiting radition proceedings in Brix- prison, condemned yester- as prejudicial a Home ice decision preventing them m seeing her in private.

An all-day meeting between ss Proll and her English icitor, Mr Lawrence Grant, Seifert, Sedley, as well as German lawyer, Herr Ulrich euss, had been arranged at ixton for tomorrow. However, English firm has now been d the meeting must take ice within the hearing of a ison officer.

The solicitors wrote yesterday Mr Merlyn Rees, Home cretary, requesting an urgent versal of the decision on the ound that it is contrary to le 37 of the prison rules, which provide for meetings in sight but not within hearing of prison staff.

Mr Grant said he had been informed that the decision had been taken at the highest level within the Home Office. The interview would be totally impossible as arranged, since free and open discussion with Miss Proll about defence matters would be inhibited, he added.

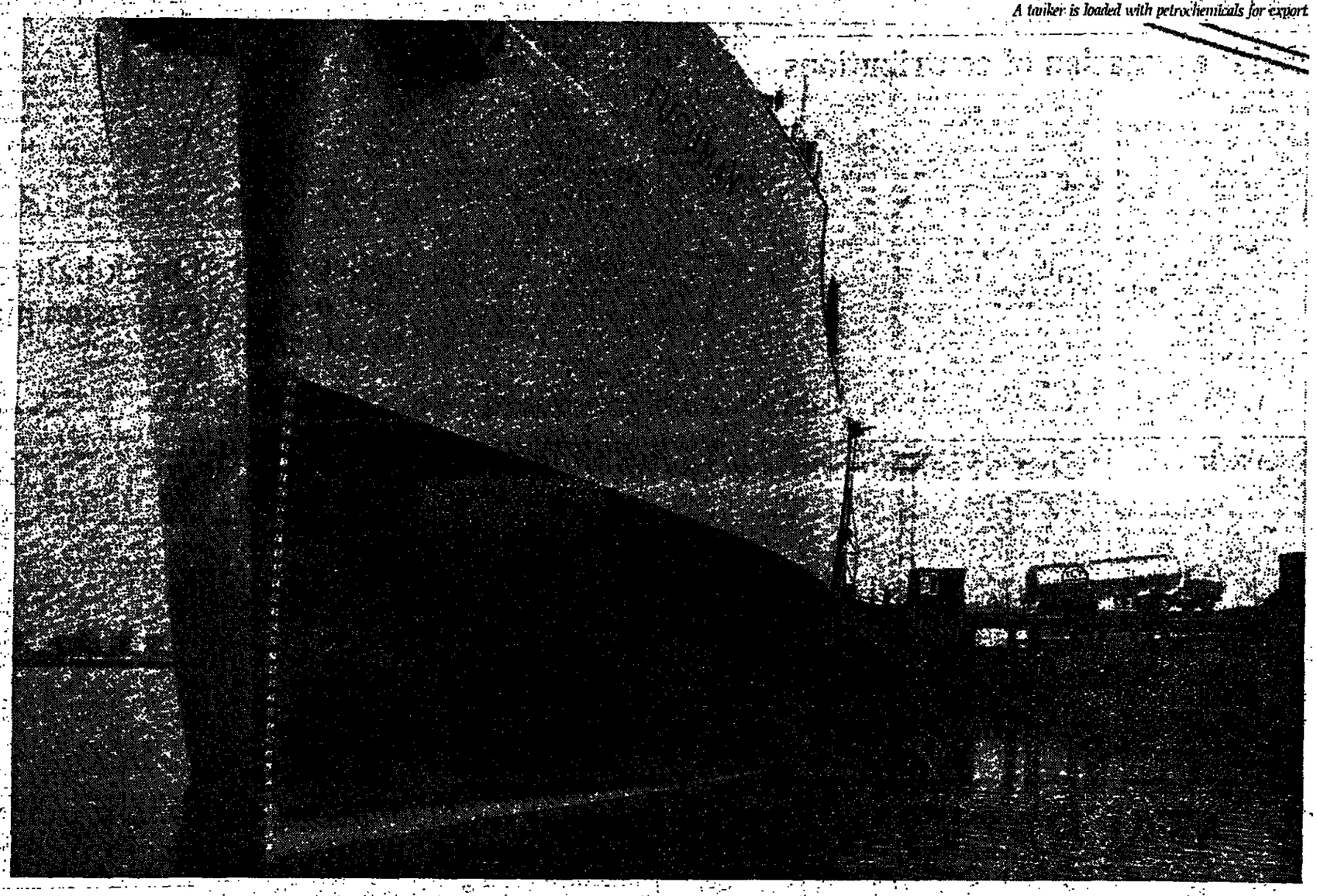
The protests were backed by the National Council for Civil Liberties. Miss Patricia Hewitt, the council's general secretary, condemned the ruling as in keeping with the German Government's treatment of defence lawyers in terrorist cases, but inconsistent with British practice. "It seems that the decision has been made by the German Government, with Mr Rees merely acting as a puppet for them", she added.

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More than 50 homes were acuated near Jackman's serce station, Letchworth, Hertdshire, yesterday, when gas caped from a fractured 10in in.

Grimsby ban lifted

Grimsby fish porters yesterday lifted a ban on handling catches by Icelandic trawlers which they imposed in January, 1976, after the expulsion of British ships from Icelandic fishing grounds.



A tanker is loaded with petrochemicals for export

EUROPE OR BUST

One man's view of how ICI's factories in Europe keep thousands at work in Britain.

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Alan Halfpenny is Distribution Manager for ICI Petrochemicals Division at Wilton, Teesside, keeping £1¼ million worth of ICI goods a day on the move by road, rail, sea and pipeline. But in his spare time he restores classic motor cycles. He lives on the edge of the Cleveland hills at Guisborough with his wife, son and daughter.

Ideas in action ICI

Further study proposed into ways of persuading more undergraduates to live at home

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

Further study should be made of ways of persuading university students to live at home, the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee says in its report for the 1977-78 parliamentary session, published yesterday.

While the committee recognized the benefits of living at a university, it says that the desirability of a student's freedom of choice must be weighed against the extra cost to public funds.

The Government had estimated that the number of undergraduates would increase by 30,000 over the next four years. The supply of heated accommodation was already diminishing. Unless there was a significant increase in the proportion of students living at home, new accommodation costing as much as £100m would have to be provided either by the universities or by local authorities, it says.

The Government had announced in 1972 that it was examining steps to encourage undergraduates to live at home. In 1973 it commissioned a study from Kent University and the results were published last year.

However, after considering that and further studies, the Department of Education and Science had concluded the difficulties were so formidable that any significant change was impracticable, the committee says. While the department had not wholly ruled out reconsideration if circumstances changed, it had not proposed any further study.

The committee believed that the matter merited more study. The Kent University research project had found that nearly a third of the students living away from home could have taken comparable courses within an hour's travel of their homes.

That confirmed the committee's views that a student's choice of university may often be governed more by personal preference and social custom than by academic considerations.

That was also supported by the wide disparity between the position in England and Wales, where only 10 per cent of undergraduates lived at home, and that in Scotland, where the proportion was 42 per cent.

The department says in its evidence to the committee (published as an appendix to the committee's report), that there did not seem to be any ready explanation for the difference in choice of student accommodation, either in economic terms (the grant regulations are in effect the same), or in terms of local availability of courses.

The department estimates that savings of £520 to £680 a year could be made (at 1977-78 prices) for every student living at home rather than in college or in private accommodation.

It considered various schemes for increasing the number of home-based students. The grant could be increased to the level of those living away from home. That, however, would mean an increase in public expenditure of £25m (at last year's prices), and there was no reliable way of estimating the effects of abolishing the differential, it says.

Even if the maximum savings for each home-based student were realized, about 55,000 students now living away from home would be required to switch to home-based study for the policy to break even.

An alternative option would be to pay the lower home rate of grant to all students except those unable to pursue courses at a local college or those with unsuitable homes.

That, however, would be administratively complex, and would tend to put universities near centres of population at a disadvantage compared with others by restricting their choice of candidates. It would also tend to standardize courses.

A third approach would be to impose quotas on institutions, either by limiting students living away from home to the existing residential places, or by stating a minimum number of local students to be admitted.

That, however, would be an overt interference with the institution's choice of students, as admission would be governed not primarily by academic criteria but by home address.

"The possibility of achieving a marginal increase in the number of students living at home . . . has to be balanced against the bitter hostility of both staff and students to what might be construed as an attack on academic freedom" the committee says. It concludes that it would not be practicable to try to introduce radical measures to increase the numbers of home-based students.

House of Commons paper 622 (Stationery Office £4).

Restrictions on student union fees welcomed

By Our Education Correspondent

Steps taken by the Government to make student unions and the Oxbridge colleges more accountable are welcomed by the Public Accounts Committee in its report for 1977-78.

The present arrangement of financing student unions is unsatisfactory, the committee says. The subscriptions charged by each student union was subject to approval by the governing body of the university or college, but was not in general subject to any government control, although the Government met most of the cost through students' grants.

Students' union subscriptions had increased from an estimated £3m in 1970-71 to £13m in 1976-77.

The Department of Education and Science proposes that there should be a specified maximum subscription rate of £15-£20 for all students on mandatory grants and a recommended minimum of £1.25, which would be paid by the Government; the unions could then negotiate further funds.

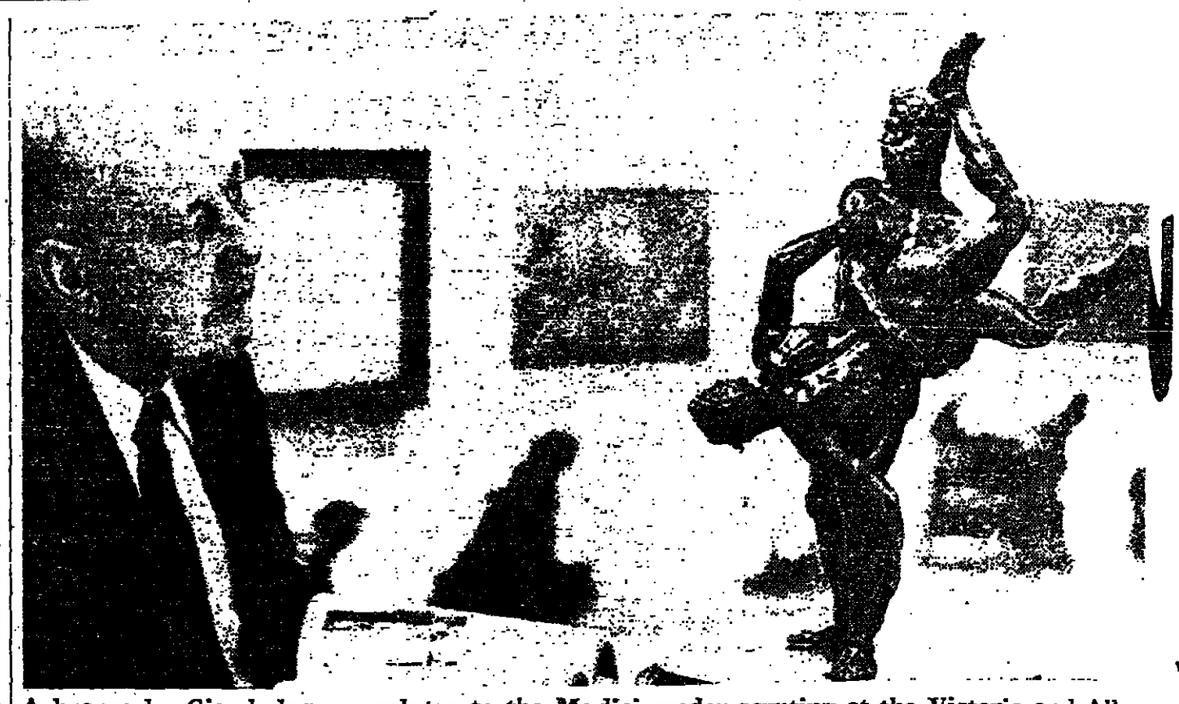
Subscriptions last year were between about £20 and £50 at universities. The Government had suggested that this year's rates should be limited to maintaining their real value.

The committee also welcomes the measures taken by the Government to make the colleges at Oxford and Cambridge universities more accountable for fees levied. Facilities provided centrally by the two universities were financed by grants from the University Grants Committee (UGC) by the fees levied by the universities at the level recommended by the Government, and by some endowment income.

The constituent colleges received no grants from the UGC, however, and had to meet their costs from college fees and their own endowment income.

Although college fees have increased in recent years, endowment income has not kept pace with inflation.

The Government had now reached agreement with the colleges on new arrangements for settling fees, starting this year, under which colleges would retain the right to fix their fees, but representatives of the colleges would be required to submit a statement to the Government giving the average proposed fees for the next year. Officials of the education department and college representatives would then attempt to establish a new average fee.



A bronze by Giambologna, sculptor to the Medici, under scrutiny at the Victoria and Albert Museum, where an exhibition of his works drawn from several countries opens today.

Pupils present a forthright view of school life

By Our Education Correspondent

Contraceptives for pupils under 16, school sit-ins and strikes, truancy and masturbation are covered in a new magazine published by the National Union of School Students (NUSS) with the help of a £1,600 grant from the Gulbenkian Foundation.

Ten thousand copies of the 16-page magazine, *Blot*, have been sent to the union's branches in schools throughout Britain, where they will be on sale at 5p. The union, which has about 10,000 members, intends to produce a new issue each term.

John Mumford, aged 16, the president of the NUSS, said yesterday: "We had originally thought of making it much more respectable. But we wanted to deal with the issues school students are concerned about, in a way that they can relate to."

The union wanted pupils to be free to express their feelings in their own way, he said. They had invited various NUSS members to contribute, and had printed what they had written.

He has taken a year away from his studies to be full-time president of the union, at £19 a week. He has just left a comprehensive school in North Wales where he obtained teen O levels, all with grade C or better. He plans to start studying at A level next year.

Information on types of contraceptive, with clear diagrams on how to use them, is presented clearly against a background of a black boy kissing a white girl and is introduced with the advice: "In no case is it worth having sex without a form of contraceptive unless you are deliberately planning to get pregnant."

The section on masturbation is similarly intended to give advice on a subject which clearly worries many teenagers. The language, however, is strong and colourful and will doubtless upset some adults.

"It's not a bad-naughty-childish thing to do; it's as natural as blowing your nose. However it isn't the slightest bit abnormal if you don't."

Another article, on sexual discrimination in schools, reminds pupils that "actions speak louder than words", and that mass sit-ins, petitions and other forms of demonstration are the most effective way of making views known to teachers and school authorities if argument should fail.

In an article on truancy, a pupil admits that she "bunked" half of her lessons last term because she found school boring. Schools should each more useful things, such as cooking, cleaning, sewing, painting and decorating, typing and driving, as well as what was officially called education, she suggests.

The Gulbenkian Foundation has given not only £1,600 to help to launch the magazine, but also £620 to establish an NUSS information service for pupils and the public.

Mr Peter Brinson, director of the United Kingdom branch of the Gulbenkian Foundation, said yesterday that one-off grant to the NUSS had been given under one of the foundation's current priorities, community communications, which it had introduced at the beginning of this year to help groups of various kinds to express themselves to a wider public. "Although we have not as yet seen a copy of the magazine, it must be made clear that the foundation does not wish to oversee or monitor every project it assists", he said.

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said that he had not yet seen a copy of the magazine, but he knew that head teachers would be very concerned indeed if outside organization, such as the NUSS, was seeking to encourage pupils deliberately to ignore or to challenge in an improper way any rules or guidance given by the school.

'Wild' estimation of contributions

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The Department of Health and Social Security was wrong to ask MPs to approve national insurance changes based on financial estimates that proved wildly inaccurate, the Public Accounts committee has said. The changes to contribution and benefit rates led to a surplus of £928m in 1976-77, instead of the £389m forecast by the government actuary.

The surplus caused a parliamentary difference of opinion because many MPs were concerned that pensioners, widows and other long-term social security benefit claimants had been given less than the full amount of inflation compensation because the Government had adopted a new method of calculating how benefits should rise. The surplus was more than enough for the increases that would have been paid under the previous calculations.

The committee noted that the surplus was caused mainly by an over-estimation of £221m on benefit expenditure and an under-estimation of contribution income of £237m. Subsequent parliamentary answers disclosed that the miscalculation on benefit payments happened because many unemployed people did not qualify for unemployment benefit; the under-estimation on contribution income resulted from a failure to take account of the extra national insurance paid when wages increased.

The committee noted that the department "would not normally regard such a large difference between estimate and out-turn as tolerable" but there were special difficulties in 1976-77.

Further big surpluses had been forecast for 1977-78 and 1978-79, but the department had told the committee that it could not be absolutely confident that those would be more accurate. In fact, the surplus originally forecast for 1978-79 has now been changed to an estimated deficit.

The committee recommended that government actuary reports should state where there were uncertain factors that could materially affect estimates and, where possible, indicate the range of possibilities. The committee also considered that Parliament's considerations of proposed contribution and benefit changes would be helped if the reports gave information of the financial effect of the changes.

Dismay and relief over sale of castle

By Martin Huckerby

The sale of Warwick Castle to Madame Tussaud's was greeted yesterday with a mixture of dismay and relief, dismay that it had been sold by a family who had owned it for centuries and relief that it had not been sold to an American or Arab as a private home.

Lord Cottesloe, chairman of Heritage in Danger, said the building had been almost denuded of its contents, but it it was to be kept open to the public then that was better than complete disintegration.

"It is not what we would ideally wish for, but it is something of a rescue for what is left. It is quite clear that the family are not likely in any case to want to restore it as a stately home", he said.

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, president of the Historic Houses Association, said: "I think it is a very sad day when any great family is forced by circumstances to give up a great house like that."

Nevertheless, Madame Tussaud's had been in the business of history for a long time and he was sure the company had the skill to look after Warwick.

Miss Priscilla Greville, a cousin of the castle's owner, Lord Brooke, said she was "absolutely horrified" by the sale, which she felt was a betrayal of all that the Greville family had stood for over the centuries.

While works of art and other treasures from the castle, worth possibly £5m, have been sold by Lord Brooke, a tax exile who lives largely in Paris, Warwick still contains several important paintings, including works by Rubens and Van Dyck, as well as valuable furniture and tapestries and a fine collection of armour and weapons. They will remain on display under the new owners.

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Quick halt to GLC town expansion plans urged

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

Development schemes in expanding towns associated with the Greater London Council should be terminated as quickly as is practicable, the Department of the Environment says in a consultation document released yesterday.

At the same time, the needs of the expanding towns must be considered carefully, it adds. The document on the future of expanding towns comes in the wake of the change of policy initiated by the Government in the past two years on inner city areas, particularly London.

The Town Development Act, 1952, formed the basis for more than 60 town development schemes intended to alleviate over-population and congestion in the main conurbations. Many have been completed, but 29 schemes still exist, most involving the GLC.

As far as London is concerned, the extent of population and employment loss in recent years, with changed population forecasts, mean that a policy of planned dispersal of people and jobs on the scale hitherto maintained is no longer required. "Instead the emphasis must now be upon revitalizing London as a whole and the inner London boroughs in particular", the document explains.

It proposes transitional arrangements to ensure that the towns are able to honour commitments and cover expenditure incurred on redevelopment, industrial development and the provision of infrastructure in the expectation of reaching the targets under the development agreements.

The proposals, which cover industrial development certificates, amenity grants, housing subsidies and housing investment programmes, are directed at the 23 schemes associated with the GLC. Another six are non-GLC schemes, at Cramlington, Killingworth, Tamworth, Droitwich, Daventry and Winsford.

The GLC schemes are at Basingstoke, Huntingdon, Braintree/Litham, Plymouth, Houghton Regis, Grantham, Thetford, Andover, Ashford (Kent), Aylesbury, Banbury, Bodmin, Bury St Edmunds, Gainsborough, Melford/Sudbury, Swindon, St Neots, Sandy, Hastings, Haverhill, King's Lynn, Mildenhall/Brandon, and Wellingborough.

The Future of Town Development Schemes associated with the Greater London Council (Room 927 Becket House, Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7ER. No charge).

Cheap fares boost air traffic to US

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Largely as a result of the introduction of cheap fare the number of passengers travelling between London and the United States on scheduled flights increased by 44.7 per cent during the first six months of this year compared with the corresponding period of 1977.

At the same time, charter traffic declined by 27.7 per cent to give an overall increase in traffic of 25.5 per cent.

Publishing those figures yesterday, the British Airports Authority said that during the same six months the main Paris airports had experienced a reduction of 23.8 per cent in charter traffic and an increase of 11.5 per cent in scheduled traffic.

Mistake in evidence

An error in evidence to the Commons Public Accounts Committee in 1975 had not materially affected the committee's conclusions, Mr Edward du Cann, MP and the committee chairman, said yesterday. In May Sir Robert Cox, Chief Executive of the Property Services Agency, reported his mistake in a letter to the committee.

But for the mistake, suggesting that the agency's southern region's opportunities for savings had been greater because of redeployment of resources, the committee might have wanted to know more about savings opportunities.

'Cost of selling crofts is too high'

By a Staff Reporter

High administrative costs incurred by the Scottish Office in its sale of crofts and smallholdings to tenants were criticized yesterday by the Public Accounts Committee. The committee also says it is disappointed at the slow rate of disposal of loss-making holdings.

In its report for the 1977-78 parliamentary session, the committee points to previous criticisms it has made of losses incurred on lands managed by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for Scotland. Despite these criticisms, net losses on the lands, acquired before the last war for ex-servicemen and valued at about £16m, were £1.5m in 1976-77, about the same as the amount for 1975-76, although the department has predicted reduced administrative costs for 1977-78.

The committee says that the Treasury has not objected in principle to selling the properties to tenants but it deprecates the rate of sale of the holdings, about 100 for each of the past four years.

It says that a review is needed to minimize administrative costs.

The committee also points to evidence that some firms may have capitalized on the United Kingdom's butter subsidy by stocking up with abnormally high amounts immediately before phased reductions in the subsidy. It says that since long notice has been given of the date of further reductions, the Intervention Board should consider limiting payments to firms' average levels of trade.

A further section of the report draws attention to the practice of non-EEC traders of taking advantage of national differences in green currencies by "importing" into the United Kingdom rice which was in fact shipped to Rotterdam destined for France and Germany.

The ministry confirmed yesterday that the trade was continuing and pointed out it had drawn the EEC's attention to it several times.

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Computer may fail to trace car linked to killing

From Our Correspondent
Bristol

The name of a murder may not be found because of difficulties with a government computer.

Detectives hunting the killer of Mrs Beryl Culverwell, a stockbroker's wife, believe he drove a yellow Volkswagen Beetle, but the computer at the Swansea licensing centre cannot trace all cars of that description.

Chief Inspector George Herbert, leading the hunt, said: "The vital car could be missed. All I can do is hope it does not slip through the net."

The Department of Transport in London said it was almost impossible to trace every car. "It is difficult to tighten up the system because there are so many cars on the road now. Swansea does its best, but some slip through the net. We cannot pursue every document."

Mrs Culverwell, aged 52, was stabbed to death on January 13. Her body was found at home in Widcombe Hill, Bath.

The yellow Beetle was parked in her drive on the afternoon of the murder. Detectives have so far interviewed a fifth of the country's Beetle owners.

Stunt rider died after ramp broke

Loss of speed and a broken wooden batten in a ramp caused the death of Mr Michael Hillaby, aged 22, a stunt motor cyclist, while attempting a leap over nine parked cars, an inquest at Hull was told yesterday. A verdict of death by misadventure was recorded on Mr Hillaby, of Wold Road, Nafferton, north Humberside. He crashed during a display at Nafferton village gala in August.

Ennals decision next year on hospital boards

The future administration of the 12 postgraduate teaching hospitals in London still controlled by boards of governors will be decided by Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, early next year.

But a government discussion document, published yesterday, on which the views of 25 bodies, including the Trades Union Congress and the Association of Community Health Councils are requested by the end of the year, says that if a proposal to create a new London Postgraduate Hospitals Authority is adopted it is unlikely that it could be established before the end of next year.

In the meantime, the boards of governors, due to be abolished next February, will remain for two or three years.

The proposal to set up a new authority is likely to find most favour, although there has been argument that the present boards of governors system works well and that a new authority will cost more money.

Households told how to save on grocery bills

By Robin Young
Consumer Affairs Correspondent

A typical household might save £100 a year by switching to the cheapest shops for groceries, the Consumer's Association estimates in its magazine, *Which?*, published today.

Prices were compared in about forty-five grocery chains, and researchers found that in Britain the cheapest stores were Asda, Carrefour, KD Discount, Kwiksave, Pricerite, Shoppers' Paradise and Tesco.

The biggest price differences were found in the South-west, where Carrefour was 19p in the pound cheaper than the most expensive chain for well-known brands, and 20p in the pound cheaper for the lowest-priced brands.

Switching from well-known brands at the most expensive shop to lowest-priced at the cheapest would save 34p in the pound, which could mean a saving of more than £100 a year for a family of four.

Change is not always best, planners told

By Our Planning Reporter

Planners needed to reas their capacity to create a be society, Professor Go Cherry, president of the R Town Planning Institute, last night.

There was a widespread that planned change no lo represented an improvemen said. The new was not n sarily better than the old, discontent with the result environmental programmes fostered both a spirit of servation, and scepticism a the claims of change.

Professor Cherry in his I dental address to the insti spoke of increasing disillu ment with the state's cap to handle housing, env mental questions, and a r of issues from education to and order, health, and pov

"In earlier years, How Unwin, Abercrombie others may have believed this century would be on social reconstruction, in w we might create magnif new cities. They have proved wrong."

Embassy reject killing allegati

A statement by Mr A Rahman Mirza, a grocer, he had been involved in k a man in connexion with w murder Mr Zulfikhar Bhutto, former Presiden Pakistan, is under sentenc death is "not credil according to the Pak Embassy.

The embassy said it had fully investigated the a gation by Mr Mirza, of burn, Tyne and Wear, was made on a Tyne Tees vision programme and Urdu newspaper.

Constituency meeti

Mrs Maureen Colqui Labour MP for Northam North, has been asked to her constituency party an cuss the motion calling fo not to be re-adopted at the general election.

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'Buck stops with senior Crown Agent', inquiry told

A letter from Sir Stephen Luke, senior Crown Agent between 1959 and 1968, read yesterday at the tribunal investigating the £20m financial losses of the Crown Agents, said that his position held a conspicuously isolated responsibility.

Unlike a deputy secretary in a government department, with whom he was then ranked for pay, he had no higher authority to release him of his responsibility. "The buck stops with me and everyone knows it", he said.

The letter, written shortly before ending his time as senior agent to become a non-executive member of the board, was referred to by Mr John Rankin, QC, representing Sir Claude Hayes, the senior Crown Agent after Sir Stephen's retirement from the post.

Sir Stephen, was asked by Mr Rankin if it was any part of the senior Crown Agent's function to familiarize himself with the technical details of what every department was doing. "Technical". Mr Rankin said, could be applied to exchange controls, dealings in the commodity market or the design of a railway engine.

Sir Stephen said he would not expect to be informed by his subordinates as to technical matters, be they dealing with money or engineering. It depended on the degree of technical detail but he thought he should be responsible for ensuring that there were arrangements for training people.

He said that the job of senior Crown Agent was handling many different kinds of transaction, with a staff of about 1,700. Towards the end of his time as senior agent he had three bases in London as well as six offices overseas, principally in Washington, Nairobi and Tokyo.

His chief responsibilities were to secure the efficient running of the bases and maintain and foster good relations with the Crown Agents' principals.

Sir Stephen also said: "The management consultants' report made it clear that we had become too centralized and too rigid, and were stifling the initiative we thought so important."

Mr Rankin asked: "Would I be right in saying that throughout that time your general attitude was one of anxiety or care for the various departments for which you personally were responsible in the end?"

Sir Stephen replied: "Yes indeed; we were going through a very difficult period." He added in reply to further questions that towards the end of his period of office in 1966-67 the board was encouraging the Crown Agents' finance department to produce more revenue.

He agreed with Mr Rankin that the Crown Agents' low point was about 1961, when Iraq and Ghana severed links with the Crown Agents, which led to a deficit. But from 1961 to 1966 the financial situation of the Crown Agents was improving.

The hearing continues today.

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WEST EUROPE

M Mitterrand scorns M Barre as being merely a scapegoat for President Giscard's policies

From Ian Murray
Paris, Oct 4

The twenty-fifth censure motion against a government under the Fifth Republic got under way in the National Assembly today with a predictably blistering attack from M. Francois Mitterand, the Socialist Party leader, directed at the Front Bench where M Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, sat beaming up at him.

The motion, M Mitterrand said, was not really addressed to the Government but directly to the President. Looking at M Barre he added: "Have the goodness to transmit our message to him." The Socialists would be voting to reject the Government's policies and to tell it to put an end to them.

Such strong words from the leader of a party which only six months before had been defeated handsomely in a general election were possible because of the brilliant showing of the Socialists in the recent spate of by-elections. They have captured two seats from the Government coalition and started clearly to outdistance Communist Party.

The President, M Mitterrand said, bore direct responsibility for the economic crisis and M Barre was nothing more than a scapegoat. "You are no more the first among ministers than they were under Louis Philippe or Napoleon III."

The President had committed sins of the world crisis of capitalism and to have abandoned national competition without savan error in underestimating the the French markets to internaing the economic sectors in difficulty.

As for M Barre, he had failed to check inflation, failed to stop unemployment and "thanks to you we have the famous zero growth rate." That alone merited the censure of the Assembly.

Drawing attention to the uncomfortable time the Government coalition is having with its largest member, the Gaullists, M Mitterrand said that there were in fact two censure motions before the House.

One was the "open" one of the Socialists and the other was that expressed in the confined space of the official circles. "One side says in a low voice what the others say in a high voice. They do nothave the same arguments, but are agreed on the scope of harm."

For the Gaullists, M Claude Labbé said that the party would not be putting their ballot papers in the urn to mix with those of Communists and Socialists.

But if the Gaullists would not be voting against the Government, M Labbé made it quite clear that they were far from happy about the way things were going. The Government should know when it was wrong and turn towards the Gaullists' ideas. They offered their initiatives and active support.

M Labbé expressed the Gaullists' preoccupation with unemployment. They wanted to see a six-month plan to soak up the jobles sand a five-year plan to create between 100,000 and 200,000 jobs a year.

What did the Prime Minister want, he asked, a loyal supporter that was not afraid to criticize while offering support, or a continued dialogue with a deaf Opposition following its own ambitions and with a fame group of supporters who followed without question?

For the Communists, M Robert Ballanger was predictably hard on the Government's record on unemployment and inflation. The economic crisis was becoming worse and led to new attacks against the workers, he said. He believed that the Government was intent on increasing unemployment between now and 1980 and that social inequalities would be widened.

M Barre seized upon M Miterrand's description of the Government as being inmates of a sickroom. Every time the Socialist leader allowed him a few days to live, he said, M Mitterrand in fact ensured his longevity and that of the Government.

On the suggestion that he was no more than a cypher for the deeds of the President M Barre was outright scornful. He assumed entire responsibility for what was happening and if there were a real difference of opinion between himself and th Prsidnt h would not agree to remain in office for another minute.

Turning to the Gaullists, M Barre managed to find some nice things to say about the Opposition. The Socialists and Communists might say many unpleasant things, he declared, but they did not say them with flowers. He realized that the different coalition groups had their responsibilities, but they had to accept that the Government had its own ones. He had to maintain the unity of the majority, which was the hope of all Frenchmen.

EEC to take Britain to court over potato ban

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Oct 4

Britain is to be prosecuted before the European Court of Justice for banning imports of potatoes from otee EEC states. France is also to be taken to the court for controlling imports of lamb and mutton so as to allow Irish producein and keep British produce out.

The decision to go to the court was taken today at the weekly meeting of the 13 members of the European Commission, under the President, Mr Roy Jenkins.

Earlier this year, Britain and France refused to comply with requests from the Commission to abolish their restrictions on potato and sheep meat imports, which are held in Brussels to violate the EEC's free trade rules.

The Commission contends that there is no legal justification for national market restrictions even when, as in the case for potatoes and sheep meat, the products concerned are nt covered by the EEC's common agricultural policy and thus do not qualify for support from Community funds.

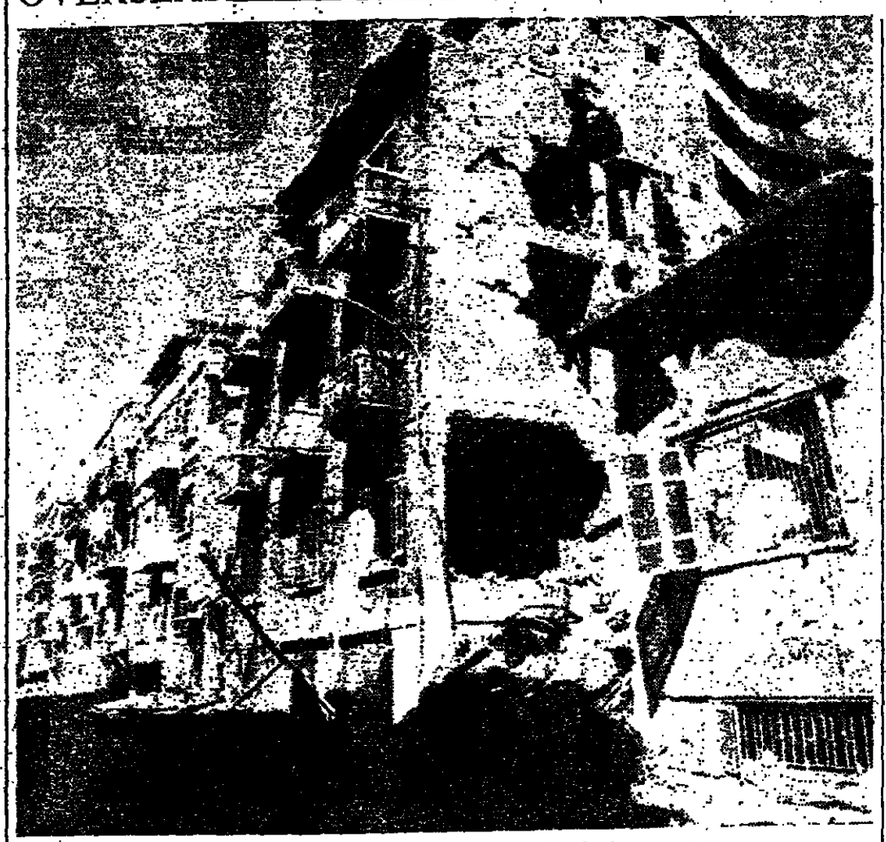
European case law appears to be clearly on the Commission's side as far as French sheep meat imports are concerned. However Britain's claim is that under the terms of its accessio to the EEC it is entitled to maintain such restrictions.

Britain maintains that the ban on potato imports is a necessary part of the government's system of support for national producers. Without it the British market would be flooded at times of surplus by cheap imports from other member states.

The potato ban has always been something of an embarrassment to Mr John Silkin, the Minister of Agriculture, whose favoured role in Brussels is that of the consumer's champion and fearless castigator of the EEC's high priced farm policy. In this instance, however, he is denying the British housewife access to cheaper potatoes.

Ever since Britain joined the EEC, the French have used a system of variable import taxes to control imports of lower priced British lamb which they say would otherwise flood the French market.

OVERSEAS



Buildings in the Asrafyeh district of Beirut, torn open by Syrian gunners.

Heaviest battle rocks Beirut

Beirut, Oct 4.—The thunder of big guns rocked Beirut today as Syrian troops and definat Christian militias waged the most devastating battle in the city's turbulent history.

Long-time residents said the firepower tearing into crumbling buildings was greater than during any single action during the 1975-76 civil war. The right wing Phalangist radio estimated that 500 people had been killed or wounded since the fighting intensified before dawn.

An emergency Cabinet session began under President Elias Sarkis only hours after about a dozen 120mm mortar shells hit the presidential palace and an adjacent barracks, wounding seven palace guards. Reliable sources at the scene said the shelling was well coordinated

The focus of the battle was on two Syrian-held bridges linking the east side of the city with the main coastal road heading north into the traditional strongholds of the Maronite Christian militias.

Western military sources said the Syrians were still in control of the bridges, and still cutting the mai nsupply route to Christians fighting inside the capital. The sources said Syrian tanks were pounding opposing concentrations in the area and the militias were hitting back with wire-guided missiles.

The Phalangist radio said an unidentified light cruiser bombarded the coastal area north of Beirut, but withdrew after militia gunners returned the fire.

As the fighting continued, the plight of civilians trapped in underground shelters became desperate. The radio said they were without food, water and electricity, and exhausted doctors in badly damaged hospitals said they could no longer cope with the mounting flood of casualties.

The latest fighting may have sounded the death-knell for President Sarkis's plans for a new government and security measures to end the protracted conflict.

Ministers leaving the Cabinet meeting made no reference to the President's proposals and spoke instead of forthcoming talks between President Sarkis and President Assad of Syria.—Reuter.

Paris: M Louis de Guiringaud, the French Foreign Minister, was submitting proposals today for a ceasefire and separation of forces in Beirut to his counterparts from the United States, Syria and Lebanon, a French presidential spokesman said. They were being distributed at the United Nations in New York.

The spokesman said the French plan called for redeployment of the mainly Syrian peacekeeping force now fighting Christian rightist militias in Beirut, and the introduction between the combatants of a buffer force drawn from the Lebanese Army.—Reuter.

New York: Mr Jamil Baroody, the Saudi Arabian representative at the United Nations, blamed President Assad today for the fighting in Lebanon. Mr Baroody told reporters:

"It's a question of misusing the troops, that are there in order to bring peace," said Mr Baroody, alluding to the Syrian force's original orders from the Arab League to prevent renewal of the 1975-76 Lebanese civil war.—AP.

Berlin: President Assad claimed today his country was not involved in the fighting in Lebanon, but had merely put troops at the disposal of the Beirut Government

"We have seen that the Lebanese Government does not always deploy these troops in the most favourable way," he told a press conference.—Reuter.

Egypt forms Cabinet geared to peace

Cairo, Oct 4.—Egypt toda announced its first governmen in 38 years to be geared t peace rather than war wit Israel.

The administration, heade by Dr Mustapha Khalji, th Prime Minister-designate, con sists largely of technocrats an academics.

Reflecting the new orient tion towards peace, the title War Minister was changed Minister of Defence.

Dr Khalil broadcast a warn ing over Cairo radio that h administration would not star for negligence, deviation or irresponsibility. He said th Government, to be sworn in t mordrow, would give full fre dom to all individuals—whic was why the Ministry of Info mation had been abolished.

The ministry would be r placed by independent bodi for the media

In a list of most of the ne Cabinet members, the offici Middle East News Agen (Mena), said tonight Gener Kamal Hassan Ali, the form Army Intelligence chief, h been named Defence Minist He had also been promoted Lieutenant-General and ma Commander-in-Chief of th Armed Forces.

The outgoing War Ministe General Muhammad al-Gamas was yesterday appointed a mi tary adviser to President Anw Sadat, together with the Chi of Staff, General Muhamm Ali Fahmi.

The job of Chief of Staff w given to Major-General Alim Bada Wi, former Commander the Third Army.

The changes in the militar like those in the Governmen refelected. President Sada often-repeated intention to ha the "generation of '73" le the country—meaning t younger, middle echelon office and civilians who played important part in what Egy regards as its victory in t 1973 war against Israel.

The full list of Cabinet me bers was not announced imm diately, but early appointmer included Dr Boutros Ghali acting Foreign Minister as w as Minister of State for Forei Affairs. The previous Forei Minister, Mr Muhamm Ibrahim Kamel, resigned duri the Middle East peace-talks Camp David.

The list showed only o Deputy Prime Minister, A Fikri Makram Ebeid, who secretary-general of Mr Sada newly formed National Dem cratic Party. He will i responsible for coordinatin between the party, Parliamen and the Government.—Reuter.

Evidence of Moro kidnap reported at hideouts

Rome, Oct 4.—Four photographs of Aldo Moro, the former Italian Prime Minister, taken while he was a Red Brigades hostage were found in hideouts raided by police last weekend, Italian newspapers reported today.

They said police also discovered photocopies of letters sent by Signor Moro between his kidnaping last March and the discovery of his bod yin a car parked in a Rome Street on May 9.

Letters signed by Signor Moro but never sent were also found, as were tape recordings, copies of Red Brigades communiqués and exact details of the kidnapping, the press reports added.

The material was said to include a list of addresses where Signor Moro might have been held, details of the so-called "people's trial" to which he was subjected and inventories of equipment, including weapons and cars, at the terrorists' disposal.

Police refused to comment

The newspaper reports, quoting sources close to the investigation, left little doubt that Signor Moro's kidnappers had transferred their entire operation to Milan after his murder.

Wadia Mawtovani, a girl friend of Renato Durcio, the imprisoned Red Brigades leader, was among the nine people detained there last weekend together with three men who, like her, were on the police wanted list in connexion with the Moro affair.

All nine suspects are being held on charges of illegal possession of arms, but Signor Ferdinando Pomarici, Rome's public prosecutor, said yesterday other charges might follow after further investigations.

Their capture is expected to help solve a number of other crimes for which the Red Brigades have claimed responsibility.

The unusually tight news blackout being maintained by security forces was taken as indicating that the material found may lead to further arrests.

Paris: An Italian left-wing extremist said in an interview published here today that Red Brigades guerrillas were traned at a camp in Eastern Europe.

Signor Rossellini, one of the founders of Italy's pirate radio stations, said in the pro-socialist daily Le Matin: "Through the relations I have had and maintain with certain sectors of the Palestinian resistance movemtent, I know there is a camp in one of the Eastern block countries where Italians were, and perhaps still are, trained in urban guerrilla actions."

Milan: The son of an Italian industrialist was kidnapped last night close to Milan's central railway station, police announced today. They named him as Alessandro Moneta, aged 22, whose father owns a local factory.—Reuter.

Police wives protest at terror killings

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Oct 4

The assassination of a Navy captain by suspected Basque separatists in Bilbao yesterday hightened resentment today among Spain's police forces and the military over the Government's apparent inability to reduce terrorism.

Captain Francisco Liesa, who was deputy commander of the Bilbao Nary base, was the third to be kileld by political terrorists in less than three months. He was 56, married, and had one son.

Rear Admiral Marcial Gamboa, a senator by royal designation, said: "I am grieved that Spain has come to this it is very sad.

"One day, a Civil Guard is shot, another day, it is a security policeman. We have a permanent feeling of insecurity, and it is no fun to live that way."

Earlier this week, the Defence Ministry urged officers to carry their regulation arms when in uniform, and it authorized the m to carry them also when n in civilian clothes.

Other signs of uneasiness in the ranks include the arrest at the weekend of an army major, a member of a right wing party, who was manufacturing pen-guns secretly in his quarters, and the recent disciplining of an army captain who remained at attenton and refused to shake hands with Senor Adolfo Suarez, the Prime Minister, after a military ceremony.

The wives and other relatives of policemen in the Bilbao area announced today that they would stage a sit-down demonstration tomorrow in front of the provincial civil governor's office, demanding the reinstatement of police officers recently dismissed for acting with a political bias.

The demonstration would aslo be in protest against pressures from people in the Basque country "which make life unbearable for us in these provinces".

The wives' statement concluded: "We accuse the Government of responsibility for all the blood which has been spilled in vain by all the killers which they have set free, and continue to set free."

Overnight, posters appeared all over Bilbao, bearing in big black letters on a white background the words: "We do not want medals, we want our husbands."

This echoed one of the points in the wives' statement: "We do not want medals for our dead, nor condolences.... We do not want priase face to face and treachery behind our backs. We do not want compassion, only justice."

W Germany jails Czechoslovak for plane hijack

Frankfurt, Oct 4.—A West German court sentenced a 25-year-old Czechoslovak student to four years in prison today for hijacking an airliner

Ladislav Molnar was said to have forced the pilot of the Czechoslovak Tupolev 134 to change course to Frankfurt, by threatening to use a dummy bomb

Mr Molnar has asked for political asylum and in keeping with previous cases of a similar nature, West German officials will decide on his request after he has served his prison term.

In a pending trial, a Czechoslovak air traffic controller and his fiancée are charged with having hijacked an airliner to Frankfurt on October 11, 1977.—AP.

Diplomatic flurry over Smith visa

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According to the Foreign Office, Mr Smith would still be liable to arrest if his aircraft were to touch down in Britain en route to Washington. Other routes are available.

Lawrence Pintak writes from Lusaka: President Kaunda of Zambia today dispatched special envoys to four neighbouring African countries, amid reports that Britain and the United States are attempting to arrange an al-party conference in New York by the end of the month.

Mr Daniel Lisulo, the Prime Minister, flew this morning to Angola for talks with President Neto, while General Mainza Chona—the second most influential man in Zambia—left for Tanzania and Kenya where he will meet the Presidents of those countries.

A high Foreign Ministry official was sent to Botswana. Dr Kaunda himself spent yesterday in Maputo conferring with bique.

The sudden flurry of activity, coming as it does less than two weeks after the Zambian President's meetin gin Nigeria with Mr Callaghan, the British Prime Minister, has set off a new wave of speculation that some kind of behind-the-scenes progress has been made on resolving the protracted dispute.

The position of the Patriotic Front towards a conference remains confused.

Chief decides to force independence on homeland

50 Bantustan opposition arrests

From Nicholas Ashford
Johannesburg, Oct 4

Chief Patrick Mphephu, the Chief Minister of Venda, a small, impoverished but strategically important Bantustan, has announced that his territory is to follow the example of Transkei and Bophuthatswana and opt for independence from South Africa next year.

The announcement, made this week, hardly came as a surprise. For the past few weeks, Chief Mphephu (with active South African encouragement) has been rounding up members of the majority opposition party who are against independence. Now, with at least 50 of his political opponents behind bars, he has been able to push ahead with the independence issue against the wishes of the majority of Venda's 350,000 inhabitants.

The story of Venda's path to independence has been a particularly controversial one. In Transkei and Bophuthatswana, the ruling parties did win their pre-independence elections (although how representative these elections were is open to question). In Venda, the ruling party has been twice defeated in general elections. Chief Mphephu has remained in power only by courtesy of Venda's tribal chiefs and the South African police who have been responsible for carrying out the arrests.

Venda comprises two chunks of land situated in the north-east of Transvaal, with Rhodesia north of it and the Kruger Game Park separating it from Mozambique in the east. Venda, however, does not have a common frontier with Rhodesia as the South Africans have annexed a corridor of land along the south bank of the Limpopo river for defence purposes.

There are obvious strategic reasons why South Africa wants to see a moderate black government in control in Sibasa, Venda's capital. But the granting of independence to Venda is also an essential part of the South African Government's apartheid plan under which all of the country's 20 million blacks will eventually become citizens of independent black homelands.

When elections were held in Venda five years ago Chief Mphephu's Venda National Party won only five out of 18 elected seats in the Legislative Assembly. The rest went to the Venda Independence Party which, despite its name, is opposed to the concept of independent Bantustans. However Chief Mphephu managed to stay in power by winning the support of the nominated chiefs

When elections were held again in July the Independence Party won 31 of the 42 elected seats and the National Party 11—all of them in Chief Mphephu's own electoral district of Dzanani. The Independence Party needed to gain the support of 13 of the 42 nominated chiefs to take over power.

But then Chief Mphephu struck. Twelve of the elected Independence Party members were detained under Proclamation R 276 which was introduced last year. By the end of last week about 50 Independence Party members were detention, including teachers, students, magistrates and farmers.

In response to the detentions, Mr Baldwin Mudau, Independence Party leader, ordered those members of the party who were still at liberty to boycott last month's opening of the Legislative Assembly. This did not, however, prevent Chief Mphephu from having himself sworn in as Chief Minister and the nominated chiefs and 11 National Party members were formally appointed members of the new Legislative Assembly.

Chief Mphephu, who has made a basic education and [illegible] Venda haltingly, explained his decision to detain his political opponents "was arrived at after careful consideration of information – received convinced the Government the maintenance of law and order was in jeopardy and violent and forceful means being employed to promote unlawful action."

He has subsequently announced that he would probably release the detainees within the next few months. So far no charges have been laid.

Mr Mudau, a Soweto-based sociologist with degrees in anthropology and sociology, denies that his supporters were involved in anything illegal.

26 missing as ship sinks after collision

Cartagena, Spain, Oct 4.—Twenty-six seamen were missing and feared drowned today when the 1,598-ton Algerian merchant ship Collo sank after a collision with the Italian vessel Espresso Marilen, Spanish Navy sources said.

The collision occurred at dawn off Cape Palos in southeast Spain.

Four crew members from the Collo were rescued by the passing French yacht Standfast.

The four rescued men were transferred to the 8,390-ton Espresso Marilen which sustained material damage but there were no serious injuries among its crew. It later set its course for Genoa for repairs, the sources said.—Reuter.

Three Finnish MPs killed

Kuopio, Finland, Oct 4.—There were no survivors among the 12 military and civilian passengers and three-member crew whose DC3 aircraft crashed shortly after takeoff

The dead included a provincial governor, three MPs and prominent businessmen who were studying Finnish defence

The aircraft plunged into a lake with flames streaming from one of its two engines after taking off from the Kuopio-Rissala airfield. A military spokesman said the Army's seven remaining DC3s would be grounded pending an inquiry.—Reuter.

Island coachmen jailed for hurling bus into sea

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Oct 4

A Piraeus court last night handed down a jail sentence of five five months and a £100 fine on each of 24 coachmen of the island of Spetsai for hurling its only bus into the sea two months ago.

Motor traffic had been banned on the island for several years, but recently a solitary bus was allowed to take passengers between the main port and the villages.

The court found that the coachmen who control the island's 25 horse-drawn carriages and charge exorbitant fees had tried to do away with the bus because of competition.

The coachmen had been offered the bus concession themselves, but they had spurned it.

The court was told that the bus had been retrieved from the sea and repaired and had gone back into service. The 24 coachmen were set free pending appeal.

In south-western Greece, fishing and swimming have been prohibited in the Bay of Navarino, off Pylos, while divers try to retrieve some of the 480 metal barrels of highly toxic insecticide from the holds of a Greek ship wrecked in the bay during a storm three weeks ago.

The Ministry of Merchant Marine said that the operation would begin tomorrow.

Bundestag clash looms on employment of radicals

From Our Correspondent
Berlin, Oct 4

At the request of the Christian Democratic Opposition, the employment of extremists in public services is to be discussed again by the Bundestag.

The Opposition tabled a fresh demand today that the principles of the decree of 1972 which forbids the employment of radicals by the federal authorities and institutions and by the civil service of the Länder be honoured.

The controversy flared up again when Herr Hans-Ulrich Klose, the Social Democratic Mayor of Hamburg, intimated last weekend that the Hamburg Senate intended to employ schoolteachers of communual leanings.

In view of next Sunday's Hesse elections it was an awkward moment for the Social Democrats (SPD) to make their intention known.

Dr Owen gloomy on Rhodesia

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

British involvement in Rhodesia could only be as part of a United Nations venture, Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, sharply reiterated in Blackpool yesterday.

He told the Labour Party conference that the message to Salisbury must be clear: the British Government was "not about to embark in disastrous circumstances on a desperate act of recolonization".

The Foreign Secretary once again urged Mr Ian Smith and his African partners in the internal settlement to accept, as had the external leaders of the Patriotic Front, the basis of a settlement put forward in the Anglo-American proposals.

At the same time he forecast that the all-party conference he has been promoting was unlikely to succeed—indeed it might never take place—until the parties could come closer on the structure of the settlement that they must discuss. After Dr Owen spoke, government sources insisted that hope of a conference had not been abandoned: it was the difficulties which were being acknowledged

Dr Owen addressed the conference after attending a meeting here between Mr James Callaghan, the Prime Minister, and Dr Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Carter's National Security Adviser. Dr Brzezinski was completing a European mission to brief the Western allies on the Camp David agreements.

Dr Owen spoke in a short, sharp debate on the Bingham report on the breaking of Rhodesia oil sanctions, during which some of the party's shame and fury at being betrayed by its own Government was given an airing.

But it was left to Lord Brockway, 90 next month, to recall sternly that as long ago as 1968 he had publicly questioned the oi lsupplies. Not all Britain's ministers had been aware, he conceded, "but some must have been.

The conference approved an emergency resolution calling for public investigation and prosecution of those involved. It also approved a national executive committee (NEC) document which also called for the Government "to release all the relevant Cabinet, official and oil company papers" to such an inquiry.

No one spelt out the type of inquiry there should be: it is being left to the Government to recommend after the Commons debate in November. But Mrs Judith Hart, Minister for Overseas Development, winding up the debate on behalf of the NEC, suggested that the inquiry must be the one "which would most easily have access to all the papers".

Wilson statement: Sir Harold Wilson issued a statement in London yesterday, explaining that he had decided not to go to Blackpool to speak in the debate on Rhodesia since the Government had now announced that there would be a debate in the Commons as soon as the House resumed (John Winder writes).

"I shall therefore save the statement I intended to make for Parliament".

Sir Harold repeated his willingness to cooperate in any further inquiry and said that he would support an impartial inquiry authorized to see all documents and other information relating to the role of the Government "during the whole period in question."

Korchnoi takes his chess set to beach

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent

Baguio, Oct 4

Work continued here t on repairing an electric g ator and so provide ligh for the world chess chamn ship match. It is now hope obtain a new transformer the nearby United States racy camp.

There will be no play today but the twenty-f game is certain to be pl here tomorrow.

Today, Viktor Korch party went to the beach—o one and a half hours jou by car—in order to relax.

However, they were ca to take a chess set with in order to study some ope variations in preparation f morrow's game in which K noi has the white pieces

Karpov leads by 5—3 bu morale must have seriously shaken by the bac in the twenty-eighth when he played both mi game and ending in a styl worthy of a world champio indeed of a master playe



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Egypt Cabinet reshuffle

Party activists go on rampage after the arrest of Miss Bhutto

From Hasan Akhtar
Islamabad, Oct 4

Miss Benazir Bhutto, daughter of the former Prime Minister of Pakistan and a member of the central executive of the Pakistan People's Party, was arrested today at Multan airport as she arrived from Karachi for a local party meeting.

She is reported to have been flown to Islamabad and detained for three months together with her mother, Begum Nusrat Bhutto, in her home here.

The arrest of Miss Bhutto touched off violent demonstrations in Multan. Angry activists of her party were reported to have attacked several Government buildings. Police dispersed them with lathi charges and tear gas.

According to unconfirmed reports, at least 18 people were arrested. Among them were six women and Dr Ghulam Husain, the secretary-general of the Pakistan People's Party.

The demonstrators allegedly displayed anti-Government slogans and after the tear gas and lathi charges went on a rampage, stoning public buildings and vehicles.

Miss Bhutto was released after several months of detention early this summer. She has maintained a low political profile for a while but with the partial relaxation of the ban on political activities she has been visiting People's Party leaders in different cities and addressing meetings.

She has recently visited half a dozen towns in the North-West Frontier province and in Punjab in the course of which police have started proceedings against her for her "objectionable speeches".

While Mr Bhutto is in Rawalpindi jail under death sentence for plotting the murder of a political opponent, his wife has been under house arrest since last March. Mr Bhutto is the chairman of the Pakistan People's Party, while Mrs Bhutto is its acting chairman. Miss Bhutto, recently elected a member of the central executive of the party, is looked upon by the party leaders as the representative of the party's jailed chairman.

Meanwhile, Pervez Khokar, a young man who attempted to commit suicide by setting himself on fire in Lahore on Monday in support of Mr Bhutto's release, died last night.

According to a Karachi report, a judge and a brigadier who formed a special tribunal differed on three of the eight charges of corruption and abuse of power brought against Abdul Hafeez Pirzada, a former Finance Minister of Mr Bhutto's Government.

Both members of the tribunal agreed that Mr Pirzada was not guilty of five of the charges. According to the rules of the tribunal, the differences of opinion between the judge and the military member have been referred to the Supreme Court for adjudication. This is the first time that a tribunal has failed to reach a unanimous verdict.

Bangkok faces flood crisis today

Bangkok, Oct 4.—An estimated 250,000 people were reported fleeing today from the floods in Thailand—the country's worst this century—and weathermen predicted that tomorrow could be a crisis day for Bangkok.

The heaviest flooding so far has hit the north-eastern and central parts of the country, where at least 36 people have drowned in the past few days, but floodwaters today surged down the Chao Phya river towards Bangkok which has a population of four million.

Some parts of Bangkok were already under water and the weathermen said the capital's peak danger time would occur early tomorrow when an unusually high tide coming upstream from the sea could meet the flood surge.

Mr Kriangsak Chamanand, the Prime Minister, said the Government was allocating 20m baht (£500,000) for immediate flood relief measures and was ready to inject another 200m baht to bring relief.

Vietnam storm: Volunteers were fighting night and day to save property from widespread floods as a new tropical storm lashed North Vietnam, Hanoi radio reported. Floodwaters were reported 5ft deep in Nghe Tinh province.

In the south, the Vietnam news agency quoted Mr Nguyen Thanh Phong, the vice-chairman of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), as saying that 83 per cent of the winter rice crop had been destroyed.—Reuter.

Captured leaders confirm that the back of a three-year revolt has been broken

East Timor fight against Indonesia a 'hopeless cause'

From Peter Hazelhurst
Jakarta, Oct 4

When a detachment of Indonesian troops stumbled upon a small group of left wing rebels on a sparse, windswept hillside near the small town of Remexio in east Timor six weeks ago, their officers at first did not realize the significance of their find.

After a brief exchange of shots the rebels fled, leaving behind a number of starving and emaciated prisoners. To the surprise of the platoon commander, one of the prisoners identified himself as Xavier do Amaral, a diminutive schoolmaster and president of Fretilin, the left wing organization which has been fighting for independence of East Timor since the former Portuguese colony was annexed by Indonesia three years ago.

Mr Amaral revealed details of how he had been deposed and arrested on charges of high treason by young radicals in Fretilin last year when, disillusioned by a seemingly hopeless cause, he had called for a dialogue with the Indonesian Government.

The Indonesian Government received another success in its psychological war against the hard core of the weakened Fretilin movement last month. Disillusioned by the movement's hopeless fight against the superior odds of the Indonesian army, Mr Arsenio Horta, a 29-year-old Fretilin leader and brother of the movement's representative at the United Nations, also surrendered to the Indonesian authorities.

After changing their allegiance, both the former rebel leaders were flown to Jakarta for medical treatment, and they are expected to assist the the Indonesian Government in its attempts in future to persuade remaining members of Fretilin to lay down their arms.

But more important, and much to the jubilation of the Indonesian army, the two rebel leaders confirmed vague reports that the hard core of the rebel movement was in disarray and had split into opposing factions. Their capture also confirmed the assessment of Western diplomats that the Indonesian army had broken the back of a civil war and rebellion which had claimed at least 60,000 lives and displaced some 130,000 refugees, in the harsh and sparse hills of East Timor in the past three years.

Western diplomats who were allowed to visit the otherwise inaccessible regions of East Timor last month, reported calm and quiet in the capital of Dili and other big towns.

"Whether the United Nations likes it or not, East Timor is now *de facto* a part of Indonesia", one Western diplomat told *The Times*.

Senior Indonesian army officers estimate that the present strength of Fretilin is between 400 and 900 armed men. "They are no longer a threat, but they have nuisance value", Major D. Abidin, who was recently stationed in East Timor, said.

The Government claims that Fretilin still control some 5,000 people in inaccessible regions of the island. "They are nearly starving and they force these people to cultivate rice and other food", an official in the Indonesian Foreign Office said.

Confronted at the time with the prospects of the rise of a Marxist state within Indonesia's vast archipelago, Jakarta in December 1975 sent an estimated 30,000 troops into East Timor, in the guise of volunteers, to consolidate a right-wing victory. Fretilin took to the hills and has been urging a guerrilla war against Indonesian troops for the past three years.



President Carter singing "We will overcome" with friends of the late Martin Luther King at a White House reception. Left to right (front row) are Mr Martin Luther King Sr (father); Mrs Carter; the President; Mrs Coretta Scott King (widow); Mrs Christina King Farris (sister); and Mr Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations.

Indian call to limit plane deal

From Richard Wigg
Delhi, Oct 4

A team of Indian defence experts has returned from a visit to Britain, France, and Sweden with the suggestion that the Indian Air Force should make an immediate purchase of only 20 Anglo-French Jaguar deep penetration strike aircraft to modernize it, press reports said.

Their advice seems to be that instead of making the big deal the three rival European countries have been vigorously pressing for many months, the Indian Air Force should await the development of the next generation of such advanced aircraft due over the next two years. It should then go for manufacture under licence in India of either the British Tornado, or the French Mirage 2000, or the Swedish Viggen Mark 2 when these models have gone into full production.

The Indian Cabinet will have to consider this fresh suggestion in making its long-awaited decision.

Mr Callaghan, the British Prime Minister, urged India to buy the Jaguar when he was here last January. The hope then was of the purchase of at least 40 such aircraft bringing the Hawker Siddeley division of the British Aircraft Corporation an order of about £260m.

The latest technical study was made during a fortnight's tour of the three European manufacturers under the joint leadership of Air Marshal I. H. Latif, the new chief of the Indian Air Force, and top permanent official of the Defence Ministry. The visit was kept secret in India.

One reason for the secrecy was that critics of the Janata Government, both inside and outside the party, have been repeatedly attacking Mr Jagjivan Ram, the Defence Minister, insinuating that the rival manufacturers' local agents were making use of "slush funds" to influence the deal. This was denied by Mr Ram.

Murdoch paper sales to go up'

From Michael Leapman
New York, Oct 4

Mr Rupert Murdoch's *New York Post* will become the first dollar newspaper to appear in the city since August 9 when it becomes publication tomorrow. After an all-night bargaining session, Mr Murdoch's negotiators agreed to a new contract with the Newspaper Guild, which represents journalistic and commercial staff.

Mr Murdoch had already reached agreement with the printing press operators who ended the strike in all three New York newspapers. He achieved that by breaking away from joint negotiations with the *New York Times* and the *Daily News*.

The guild had not been on strike against the other two newspapers. Its dispute with the Post was over job security, arising that Mr Murdoch was going to reduce staff on the paper which loses money even though, it is the city's only evening newspaper.

The printers' union clearly believes that its separate deal with Mr Murdoch will put pressure on the other two newspapers to end the strike by giving the workers the guarantees of job security which, with the coming of new labour-saving production processes, they are also seeking. Spokesmen for *The New York Times* and the *Daily News*, however, insist that some staff reductions must be made.

When the *Post* resumes publication before the other two, sales are certain to be far greater than the 650,000 which was its daily average before the strike. But executives of the *Times* and the *Daily News* are confident that they will regain most of their old readers.

The *Metro* and the other two evening strike newspapers are expected to continue in business when all three regular newspapers are back on sale.

US mid-term elections

Democrats' media war for Florida nomination

From David Cross
Orlando, Florida, Oct 4

Mr Robert Graham, a chubby 41-year-old Florida millionaire, has turned his hand to just about every menial job in the state since he began running for the post of Governor. He has pushed wheelchairs, repaired a sewer, worked on a construction site and emptied dustbins as part of what he calls his "working for Governor" campaign.

A year ago he was a complete outsider for the Democratic nomination to succeed Mr Reubin Askew, the retiring Governor who, having served two full terms, is no longer eligible for reelection.

But so successful was the gimmick of spending a day working at different jobs that Mr Graham has forced the favourite Democratic candidate into a run-off for the nomination tomorrow.

A little-known state senator until the media became interested in his campaign, Mr Graham was once considered the most liberal contender among the various Democrats seeking the nomination. But since the field was narrowed to two at last month's primary, he and the favourite, Mr Robert Shevin, the state's popular Attorney General, have been trying to outflank each other on the right of the Party.

Like other parts of the country, Florida, which has never had a reputation for liberalism in spite of the recent large migration from the industrial north, has become even more conservative in recent months. One well-known newspaper columnist has even gone as far as to describe the political label "liberal" as the "seven-letter, dirty word of Florida politics."

With law and order, inflation, taxes and education the main concern of most voters, the two remaining Democratic candidates have attacked each other with increasing venom through their television commercials. Mr Shevin has portrayed his opponent as a big spender of public funds when he was a state senator and generally soft on crime.

Mr Graham has responded by claiming that Mr Shevin, as Attorney General, exceeded his budget and was using the state's successful "help stop crime" programme for political self-aggrandizement.

Mr Graham conceded that the rivalry with his opponent was probably turning potential voters away from both of them. "That's probably the greatest boon that we could give to Mr Jack Eckerd", the Republican candidate, who has been quietly watching from the sidelines while his opponents have been savaging each other's reputations.

On the law-and-order issue, Miami's attraction for organized crime has sent shivers down the spines of most law-abiding citizens in the state and television current affairs programmes are full of useful tips for prospective victims of rape and other crimes.

When voters go to the final mid-term poll in early November they will also have to decide whether casino gambling in the state should be legalized. Predictably, no serious Republican or Democratic candidate is supporting the idea.

The latest opinion polls, for what they are worth, show Mr Shevin with a 10 per cent lead over Mr Graham.

President Carter to veto 'pork barrel' Bill

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Oct 4

President Carter has announced that he intends to veto a public works appropriation Bill that has just emerged from Congress. His two most important allies there, Mr Thomas O'Neill, Speaker of the House, and Senator Robert Byrd, majority leader of the Senate, have both stated that they will fight the President over the Bill and hope to override the veto.

The Bill is for spending $10,200m (approx £5,000m) of which most is for the Energy Department, and approved by the President. The rest of the money is for projects, which the President disapproves of highly, including a number of dams and other water projects which he has been trying to stop since he entered the White House.

His argument is that the projects are often unnecessary and economically unjustified; above all he feels that the Bill is inflationary. He has taken the stand that the most important issue before the country is inflation, and he says that Congress must set an example to the nation by refraining from wasting money.

Behind this worthy objective is another, equally understandable. He wants to demonstrate that he is in control of the Government and that he can and will give a lead to the country.

The veto of the public works Bill will be his second important veto. The first was his unprecedented rejection of a military procurement Bill.

A second followed quickly on its heels, when the Senate at last passed a Bill on pricing natural gas. This was the centrepiece of Mr Carter's much-battered energy policy, and although its critics contend that it will do nothing whatever to reduce the amount of imported oil and domestic consumption, the Administration hailed it as a victory.

It is at least better than nothing. Now the President, declaring war on inflation, has attacked a classic "pork-barrel" Bill, a piece of legislation into which members of Congress have inserted measures providing for federal financing for projects in their states or districts.

Furthermore, he has done so just before an election when all Representatives and a third of the senators are campaigning for election on the grounds that they can bring direct benefits to their districts simply by being in Washington.

However, the President has declared firmly: "I, along with the people of our country, am tired of seeing the taxpayers' money wasted and I am determined to see the fight against inflation succeed."

This is a theme on which politicians are campaigning everywhere in the United doubtedly determined to use it in the next presidential election.

His veto of the Bill will not, of course, affect the present inflation rate, but the President believes that every little helps. And this is a start.

Strike call in Guatemala after fare rise riots

Guatemala City, Oct 4.—Protesters tossed nails and tacks on to the streets here today to keep buses off the roads and support a general strike.

The strike call came after troops and riot police yesterday dispersed hundreds of students protesting against doubled bus fares in demonstrations that have left four people dead and at least 50 others injured.

A workers' group representing the main unions of Guatemala called for the general strike to support the anti-Government demonstrations, which began on Monday night when students, angered by the fare rises, took to the streets of the capital and burnt 50 buses.

The debris of makeshift barriers littered the streets today. Motorists attached brooms to the front of their vehicles to avoid the tacks strewn by the demonstrators. But the owners of the bus company halted all public transport services, crippling the capital.

Riot police and troops loyal to President Kjell Laugerud Garcia used tear gas and fired bullets into the air last night to disperse the students. Police said three people were killed yesterday; the fourth victim died on Monday.

Police also arrested 200 protesters and several members of the National Typographical Union, accusing the workers of aiding a strike at the Government - affiliated newspaper *Diario de Centroamerica*.

The demonstrators exploded a bomb in a sixth-floor bathroom at the Finance Ministry last night, causing damage but no injuries. Police said they also opened fire on the offices of a Government radio station.—UPI.

Group claims to hold missing Lebanese Imam

Rome, Oct 4.—The Rome newspaper Paese Sera reported today that it had received a letter from a group claiming it had kidnapped Imam Moussa Sadr, the Lebanese religious leader.

The letter, signed by the self-styled "Organization of Lay Lebanese for a United and Lay Lebanon", said the kidnapped Iam had been taken to Amsterdam.

The Imam, a leader of Lebanon's Shia Muslims, disappeared on August 31.—Reuter.

Tony Alloay rites from Tehe-ran: Mr Fereydoun Movassaqi, a special envoy of the Shah, said today he had made progress in trying to find out the whereabouts of Imam Mussa Sadr as a result of his talks with President Assad of Syria.

Massacre inquiry opens

Managua, Oct 4.—President Somoza of Nicaragua announced today that he will meet the human rights commission investigating allegations that his National Guard massacred innocent civilians in last month's civil war.

A commission said the focus of the meeting would be a commission demand that all Nicaraguan newspapers and radio stations announce that it was sitting and that nobody who came to testify would be harmed.

The meeting was to be held at the National Guard compound—known as the Bunker—where President Somoza has taken up residence.

There have been widespread reports that guards killed hundreds of people soon after they wrested a number of cities from leftist Sandinista guerrillas and young supporters who began a rebellion on September 9.

President Somoza has blamed the killings on Sandinistas and common criminals wearing army uniforms.—UPI.

Arrested Mexicans still missing

From Stephen Downer
Mexico City, Oct 4

The parents and relatives of hundreds of Mexicans who disappeared after being arrested have rejected a new political amnesty law as unjust and only partly effective.

President José López Portillo's amnesty proposal, made public on September 1, was rushed through Congress and became law last month. Almost immediately the Government published a list of 111 people it said it would free.

However, Señora Rosario Ibarra de Piedra, a founder member of the "national committee to defend political prisoners, fugitives, exiles and disappeared persons", said: "Most of the people who disappeared have not come out of jail. Anyway it is unjust that their release should depend on the judgment of the very people who jailed them without trial."

According to the committee's figures, 367 men and women have disappeared after their arrest since 1974. In addition, the committee lists 53 political exiles, 400 prisoners jailed for political reasons and an unspecified number of political prisoners in hiding.

The López Portillo administration's introduction of amnesty coincides with the tenth anniversary of the anti-Government riots that threatened to cause the cancellation of the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico.

To many observers, the amnesty makes it appear that the Government is for tolerating opposition. "It is trying to live up to Mexico's reputation in Latin America for tolerating opposition, Señora Ibarra said.

Her own son, Jesus, has not been seen in public since several men forced him into a car in the northern industrial city of Monterrey in April, 1975. He was 21 at the time.

President López denies that clandestine prisons exist in Mexico. However, Señora Ibarra, a doctor's wife, claims that about 70 people have disappeared since the President took office in December, 1976. Most of them, she says, fell victim to an anti-guerrilla police unit, called the White Brigade, which made its appearance last year.

This group, it seems, has been in the vanguard of the Government's campaign to rid Mexico of leftist guerrillas.

In brief

Ankara opening American bases

Ankara, Oct 4.—Turkey is to reopen four American military bases which were closed in 1975 in retaliation against a United States arms embargo.

An announcement said the intelligence-gathering stations at Sinop, on the Black Sea, at Siyarbakir in eastern Turkey, at Belbasi near Ankara, and a navigational base at Kargaburun would resume operations by next Monday.

King 'satisfactory'

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct 4.—King Khalid of Saudi Arabia was in satisfactory condition here after a successful open-heart operation.

Six shot dead at sea

Cape Town, Oct 4.—Six crew members of a Dutch-registered fishing vessel were shot dead by unidentified men who boarded it off the coast of Mauritania.

Diplomat expelled

Dubai, Oct 4.—Oman has expelled Mr Tariq Hamandi, an Iraqui diplomat, who has been accused of trying to engage in subversive activities.

Death sentence call

Tunis, Oct 4.—The prosecutor in the trial of 34 Tunisian union officials accused of organizing anti-Government riots last January has demanded the death sentence for all of them.

Former envoy dies

Tel Aviv, Oct 4.—Mr Arthur Lourie, Israeli Ambassador to Britain from 1960 to 1965, has died in Jerusalem at the age of 75.

Namibia talks

Johannesburg, Oct 4.—Ambassadors representing the five Western powers held talks with Mr R. F. Botha, the Foreign Minister, today to discuss latest developments in the independence dispute over Namibia (South West Africa).

Princess to rest

Sydney, Oct 4.—Princess Margaret, recuperating from a virus infection, will rest in Sydney until at least Friday.

Dalai Lama in Japan

Tokyo, Oct 4.—The Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual and temporal leader of Tibetans, has arrived here to attend an international Buddhist conference.

Turkish rightist murdered

Ankara, Oct 4.—Mr Recep Hasatji, Istanbul's provincial organizer of the extreme right-wing National Movement Party, was shot dead last night as he parked his car outside his home.

Newspapers reported today that the Marxist-Leninist Armed Propaganda Union claimed responsibility for the crime. They also reported from Istanbul that a member of a right-wing youth organization was shot dead by four men in the post office where he worked. Witnesses said that the attackers shouted: "We will kill two fascists for every revolutionary."—Reuter.

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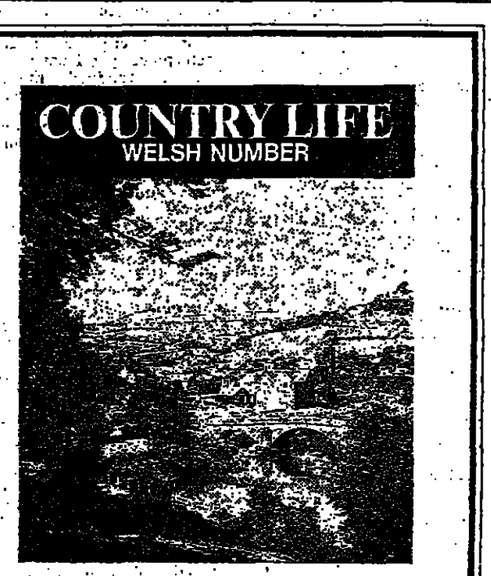
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THE ARTS

Clumsy and mindless

Proxopera
Gate Theatre

Irving Wardle

This year, amazingly, marks the 40th anniversary of the Edwards-MacLiammoir partnership at the Gate, a managerial record of exemplary courage, artistic independence, and staying power.

It is sad that Michael MacLiammoir died within a few months of his Golden Jubilee, but at least he has been spared the experience of a production unworthy of the occasion. The adaptation of Irish novels has been a fruitful tradition of the Dublin Festival, but in the case of the *Proxopera* by Benedict Kiely, a writer I much respect, it has yielded a clumsy and mindless thriller, on a theme grotesquely unsuited to melodrama. Peter Luke's play opens with a guitar-strumming travelling man (Tony Malone) firing off an aggressive song in defence of peace; whereupon the curtains part on a Northern farmhouse interior and the sight of an old lady surrounded by three masked Provos. Why poor Mrs Binchey had to be bound and gagged as well is the first unexplained mystery of Hilton Edwards's production.

With the return of her menfolk, the Provos reveal their plot of holding the family to ransom while old Mr Binchey drives into town and plants a time bomb on his old school friend, Judge Flynn. Hysteria from the women, fulminations by the men, pathos from the defenceless child: but in the end the old man dons a clean shirt and drives off on the fatal mission which is happily interrupted by two nice British soldiers who proceed to clean up the Provos and report the good news back to him, just before he expires of a heart attack as the first bell is sounding for Mass.

It did not help Tuesday's performance that just as Michael Duffy was climbing into the driving seat a figure catapulted out of the farmhouse door bringing the whole set down on top of the van. But any hopes for the show had expired well before then in a first act bereft of political insight, narrative suspense and/or simple credibility. Although he gets nothing but threats and insults in return, Mr Binchey keeps up a flow of affably patronizing chat on Irish affairs using his status as a history teacher to confuse the brownshirts with the SS, and thoroughly earning the Prov leader's repeated complaint "You talk too much, old man."

If any idea does take shape by halftime it is that the imperturbably cool Mr Binchey must have a secret plan of his own. No such plan emerges; he even forgets his watch, and passes the drive in relaxed conversation about the disgraceful state of the roads with his daughter-in-law, who conveniently escapes her captors so as to allow dialogue to continue through the second act.

This may be Mr Luke's idea of Irish tragi-comedy, but I doubt whether it would raise much of a laugh in Belfast.

Woodward/Jones Brass
Queen Elizabeth Hall

William Mann

"We are not machine" answered that great pianist Mark Hambourg when accused by a gramophone producer of playing a wrong note. I thought of him while following the published score of Xenakis's *Eonta* which Roger Woodward and the Philip Jones Brass Ensemble were playing on South Bank. Woodward was distributing quavers at top speed throughout the compass of the piano, each hand in a different complex rhythm, with what sounded like incredible accuracy. The composer also instructed him to play each note at a different level of intensity, which was more than even Woodward could manage, being human, like Hambourg, not machine. On rare occasions when the tempo slackened, Woodward had every decibel in its proper place.

Serialized dynamics at high speed are for electronic equipment, not people. The brass music in *Eonta* is less inexorable, though hard work, and there were moments when the ensemble went awry, even with Guy Protheroe at the alert as conductor. Just now, when *Eonta* is still unfamiliar, the spirit is the point, and this was a performance full of enthusiasm, brilliance and infectious vitality that made one eager to hear the work again soon.

Xenakis is a reckonable force in music today, which presumably is why *Eonta* figures in the programme now being toured round the country by the Arts Council's admirable Contemporary Music Network. London, *supposedly spoiled with* concerts of new music, does not regularly figure in these tours; the programme under review is being played in Nottingham, Manchester, Horsham, Milton Keynes, Darlington, Birmingham, Huddersfield, and Bolton, a fair catchment.

The Jones Brass Ensemble, famous for its virtuosity and musical range, here acts as backing to Roger Woodward, who has studied much modern piano music at source, and has a special flair for keyboard crusading.

With his brass colleagues he introduced Rolf Gehlhaar's *Strangeness, Charm and Colour*, a bluff piece of musical mathematics which, fortunately, also makes a purely musical effect, rather hard and cool but also engaging, as when the brass gather round the piano to blow into it, or when the piano's percussive ostinatos develop from accompaniment or background into independent musical life. Woodward also brought a new Morton Feldman piece to this country, simply entitled *Piano*, serene and harmonious as ever, happy to communicate in whispers, but with an unexpected concern for counterpoint and for diversified keyboard textures, less soporific than Feldman's piano works, used to be, though more extended. For variety Woodward included some Liszt, more lovingly than lucidly projected.

LPO/Weller
Festival Hall

Joan Chissell

Nowadays Glazunov's eight symphonies are not often taken down from library shelves. So all praise to Walter Weller and the LPO for coming to the rescue of No 5 in B flat after a popular first half of Strauss and Rachmaninov.

Only 13 years younger than Stanford, and admittedly not quite as prolific, Glazunov is perhaps his Russian equivalent—someone now more honoured as pedagogue than composer. Both had a profound respect for classical tradition. Both, too, venerated Brahms.

I most enjoyed the two *middle movements*. The Scherzo was full of Mendelssohnian elves and sprites, with Tchaikovsky's "Fairy of the Alps" (from *Manfred*) never very far away either, as the programme note writer observed. It would do well for ballet. As for the romantic Andante, many a fine ship of the Onedin Line could sail out into the sunset to its succulent strains. In the flanking movements, however, it was harder to forget Schumann's observation that great spaces require great minds to fill them. Not even Brahms could have examined his material more thoroughly than Glazunov in the opening Allegro. But apart from a passing touch of Dvorak-like nostalgia in the second subject, the themes themselves are unmemorable.

Not exactly a neglected masterpiece, yet I am sure few listeners grudged these 40 minutes. The performance was splendidly full-blooded. Nevertheless special praise must go to the nimble wind in the Scherzo.

Joaquin Achucarro was a fluent and straightforwardly musical soloist in Rachmaninov's second piano concerto, perhaps missing some of its succulence but none of its drive. His glinting tone and agility came into their own triumphantly in the finale, but there was also much to admire in his close interweaving with the orchestra in the slow movement. It was the first movement that needed a little more fullness of tone and heart.

Grosse Fuge
Sadler's Wells

John Percival

The Royal Ballet's revival of *Gross Fuge* clearly set out to make amends for the botch that was made of its last presentation at Sadler's Wells a couple of seasons ago. This time it had been cast entirely from among the company's principal dancers and far more care taken over its preparation.

The effort was worthwhile, because Hans van Manen's ballet is choreographically among the most rewarding in the present repertory. Its mixture of a modern technique and a classically pure style succeeds in striking an ideal balance to complement Beethoven's music.

Van Manen's understanding of the music shows itself in the humour of some passages, notably a series of syncopated jumps on the spot, as well as in the way he contrasts the formality of the Great Fugue itself, opus 133, with the more intimate and romantic nature of the Cavatina which replaced it as the last movement of the Quartet, No 13, Opus 130. The music is played at the Wells in a version for small string orchestra, and very handsomely played last night under Barry Wordsworth's direction.

David Ashmole's solo with its series of falls was given with a satisfyingly sharp attack. Alain Dubreuil sustained the hesitations of the opening solo rather well, and the tough manner of Carl Myers also suits this ballet. Among the women, Margaret Barbieri's fierce way with Desmond Kelly in their duet is the more striking for its contrast with her air of contained stillness during the opening sequence.

It was damnably unfair to Marion Tait, who had given a fine account of the lead in *Solitaire*, which opened the programme, that her last moments were obliterated by whoever switched off the lights too soon. Too many ballet performances have been spoilt like that recently; can nothing be done about it?

Rice-Lloyd Webber
Musical revived

The first musical by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, is being revived in London's West End later this year, with Paul Jones in the role of Joseph. It will be presented at the Westminster Theatre from November 28, for a run of at least eight weeks.

Some of these reviews appeared in later editions of yesterday's newspaper.

The real Craig Russell



Actor and actress of the year award.

At this year's Berlin Film Festival, Craig Russell won the prestigious Best Actor Prize, with his screen debut in Richard Benner's *Outrageous*. He topped this at the Virgin Islands Festival, where they gave him awards for both Best Actor and Best Actress—a precedent not anticipated even when the Japanese cinema exclusively used male actresses.

"Female impersonation is one of the oldest traditions of theatre. I'd like to see it shake off some of the tacky associations its picked up, and recognized as an art in itself. Don't forget, if I'd been here in London in the 1590s I would have been auditioning for Juliet."

He was in London for the opening of *Outrageous*, on his way from his European stage debut with a one-man show at the Renaissance Theatre in Berlin. In North America there is a rapidly growing opinion that in only five years Craig Russell has already succeeded in elevating impersonation to a new creative level. His impressions are at once tributes and caricatures. While his creations seem on one level to possess him, so that the physique and features alter as well as the voice, he still maintains a critical detachment from them. Writing all his own material, he succeeds in reconciling impeccable taste and ribald wit.

But for the grace of Mae West, he might still have been in insurance like his parents before him. At 13 he fell in love with Miss West, so wrote and told her he had a fan club with 25 members. He forged 25 signatures to prove it. "Then I felt so guilty that I really did start a fan club—the first since the thirties—and eventually we had 2,000 members. She wrote such nice letters. Then I *started to phone her*, and we talked twice a week for three years; and she was charming.

"In 1967, I was working in underwriting. I rang her and said I couldn't stand the nine-to-five. She said: 'Why don't you come out and stay at the beach house?' So I went over with my parents. They stayed two weeks and I stayed for nine months, dealing with her fan mail and things.

"Her whole life is concentrated on her personal care. She is so healthy. She wouldn't let you smoke or drink about her; and first thing when she wakes up she reaches under the bed for a little pair of barbels. She never was young and she'll never be old. She's somewhere suspended in time. She's 5ft 1in and wears a size four shoe. A tiny little lady, but she's got a mind 10ft tall.

"Anyway, she taught me everything I know. I started dressing up for her. She still has closets full of wonderful dresses by Edith Head, Travis Banton and Walter Plunkett from the films. For some reason they fitted me, so I would dress up for her, just doing routines and songs from her films. She loved it. I think what started me off was the desire to emulate her just to show how much I admired and loved her.

"I went back to Toronto and didn't dress up any more. I became a hairdresser and was good at it and enjoyed it for several years. Then one fateful Hallowe'en we all got pretty loaded and I went to a party as Tallulah. Something magical happened. I found I could say things as Tallulah I could never say myself—I remember stopping a cop and saying 'Scuse me dahling, but can you direct me to the nearest Catholic church. I want to confess everything'. (He said, 'Move along'.) So I thought, if people are going to think I'm funny I'll give them something to laugh at.

So he borrowed what money he could from parents and *relations and in* 1972 got his own trio. "I got a booking as a solo in a hotel, and I haven't stopped working since. I put together my repertory of Ladies and have gradually added to them. I started with six, now it's about 25". The trio has grown to a 12-piece band.

Each impersonation is a tribute to the magic of the great *monstres sacres* of Broadway and Hollywood. Research on a character starts in the files of newspaper offices. "It goes deeper than just putting on a wig and a voice. It has to come from the solar plexus if it's to be real. When I do Judy Garland I actually cry. I forget Craig and become Judy and all her problems."

Physical attributes help. He has the face of an impish cherub or cherubic imp, but complicated because the Ladies are always battling for possession of it. Mae West flickers in for a libidinous crack or Bette Davis for a caustic one. When they're in residence, even if he's in mufti, waiters and taxi drivers are inclined to call him "Madam". He takes it in his stride, only growling in a basso aside, "I knew I shoulda' shaved this morning".

"I have a very variable voice. I do a duet between Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong and another between Streisand and Kristofferson. I find the women entertainers much more exciting though."

Those of his Ladies who see the act mostly stay friends. "Peggy Lee says I'm her favourite impersonator, but she won't come and see me. She did once, and said she couldn't sleep afterwards. 'It's like looking in a mirror that doesn't work right,' she told me."

Bette Davis saw *Outrageous* and told someone: "It was brilliant, but *why the hell did he give me a double chin?*" Mae West admires the act and thinks it's a great tribute, but says, "Now you're working the class joints it's all right. When you were working in those dives I was afraid that people would get drunk and think it was me on the skids".

Carol Channing—who was once an impersonator herself—advised him: "But deear you're much too feminine for me. Remember I am a Viking. Not so skittish. Watch your male identity. I did, and it paid off." She let me watch her backstage when she played Lorelei Lee so that I would get it right. She said, 'I'd never felt so loved as when I saw you'.

"I love to see the other side of these people. What they do is almost what I do. They make a character and then try to live up to it. When Carol Channing makes up, she has a 10-by-8 photograph of herself on the mirror and copies it—because without the wig and the eyelashes she looks like Lauren Bacall, a very handsome woman. It's hard for me to do impressions of anyone under forty or so. That's when they've really got a grip on the essentials, know what they're about, develop the look.

At thirty, Craig Russell has undoubtedly a grip on the essentials. He is full of ideas—a sequel to *Outrageous* called *Tinsel*, which he will write himself; a fifties *Romeo and Juliet*, with a Marilyn Monroe Juliet.

"I gave myself five years. That was in 1972 and *Outrageous* happened in 1977. Next the Carnegie Hall. Just in time."

David Robinson

A staged long-playing record

Future Shock
Round House

Ned Chaillet

Paperback books have a little corner now, usually on the back cover, where they declare their intentions. Such categories as history, biography and fiction are common but I have never noticed what Alvin Toffler's book, *Future Shock*, calls itself. Something of the order of "popular-socio-politico-psychological and anthropological speculation and interpretation" I presume. It is the sort of tome that might point out that people walk into brick walls after a day on the freeway and John Saxby's rock-musical interpretation of the book's themes tries to provide enough multi-media disorientation to make walking into a brick wall seem logical.

It opens with images of modern consumer society projected on a screen: advertising, shop windows, traffic lights and motorways. Two humans, so to speak, emerge from the projections and step on to rising platforms where they add their voices to the music and electronic sounds already bombarding the audience. They are part of the "world's first living magazine", pages in an electronic gazette which will offer a love story for the 1970s, advice for the troubled in a living agony column and a cynical survey of religion, family life and the disposability of people.

It is very like a long-playing record, and very little like a dramatic event. A pleasant couple, Pamela Wendy Ellis and Chris Morton, step in from time to time to show how the pressures of new ideas jarred their old-fashioned feelings. While they wanted to be married, liberation seemed to mean having to cohabit after 2,000 years of repression. When both of them chose careers, it meant that neither could follow the other to promotion so they would have to live apart. They each end up with "Rent-a-Family", sharing their lives with alternating mates.

Each of those events provides a little ditty and even once an inverted apache dance in which the woman wins through karate. Each instalment is separated by words from the narrators, Mr Saxby taking the cloth to prove that the audience basically believes nothing and singing "Temporary True Believer" while he scatters Tarot cards and Mao's red book across the stage.

There are some laughs and Mary East, the actress who plays Agony Annie, could prove something of a cult figure with her sepulchral punk make-up and a manner that is as much female impersonator as womanly.

The songs by Mr Saxby, John Prior and Lionel Gibson, despite film footage and dances, sound much like comments on the 1960s and as such are less interesting than similar songs by the Kinks. If they had been released on an album a decade ago, played reasonably well, as they are, by the group Cirkus, how would they have sounded? Not as good, I believe, as songs by such forgotten groups as the Paupers, from Canada. Despite the decibels, the music is Middle of the Road, but really rock, and, this time, MOR is less.



Photograph by Alastair Muir

Chris Morton and Pamela Wendy Ellis

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA AND BALLET

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ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA
Tonight, Sat. & Thur. next 7.30 Iolanthe. Tomor. & Wed. next 7.30 The Seraglio. 104 balcony seats avail. for all perfs. on day of perf. Now booking for November.

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DER RING DES NIBELUNGEN
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Ton't 7.30 Solitaire, Prodigal Son, Grosse Fuge. Tomor. & Mon. 7.30 Solitaire, Giselle. Sat 2.30 & 7.30 Rhyme nor Reason, Giselle. Tue. & Wed. 7.30 Les Patineurs, Intimate Letters, Grosse Fuge.

CONCERTS

MOZART: Requiem, Vesperae Solennes, Ave Verum Corpus; Brian Chapple: Veni Sancte Spiritus. London Oriana Choir, English Baroque Orchestra. Conductor: Leon Lovett. Queen Elizabeth Hall, Saturday 7th October at 7.45 p.m. Tickets £3.20, £2.70, £2.20, £1.70, £1.20 from Royal Festival Hall Box Office (01-928 3191) and usual agents, or The Ticket Secretary (01-727 9171 eves).

WIGMORE HALL (935 2141). Tonight 7.30. LANDINI CONSORT. Director: PETER SYRUS. Medieval & Tudor English songs & dances & 14th & 16th c. Italian music.

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ACADEMY ONE. 437 2981. Bunuel's THAT OBSCURE OBJECT OF DESIRE (X). 2.10, 4.20, 6.30, 8.45.

ACADEMY TWO. 437 5129. Alain Resnais's PROVIDENCE (X). Progs. 2.30, 5.00, 8.30.

ACADEMY THREE. 437 8819. Goretta's THE LACEMAKER (AA). Pgs. 6.15, 8.40. Sat./Sun. 3.50, 6.15, 8.40.

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CURZON, Curzon St., W1. 499 3737. LAST 3 WEEKS. YVES MONTAND, CATHERINE DENEUVE in LE SAUVAGE (A) (English Subtitles). Progs. at 2.0 (not Sun.), 4.05, 6.15 and 8.30.

DOMINION, Tott. Crt. Rd. (580 9562). STAR WARS (U) in 70mm. Sep. progs. Dly. 2.00, 5.15, 8.35. Seats bkble. for 5.15 & 8.35 progs. Wks. & all progs. Sat. & Sun.

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ODEON HAYMARKET (930 2738/2771). MIDNIGHT EXPRESS (X). Sep. progs. Dly. at 2.30, 5.30, 8.30 p.m. Late show Fri., Sats. and Suns, doors open 11.15 p.m. prog. at 11.45 p.m. All seats bkble.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111). THE CHEAP DETECTIVE (A). Sep. Progs. Dly. Doors open 2.00, 4.45, 7.45. Late show Fri. & Sat. doors open 11.15 p.m.

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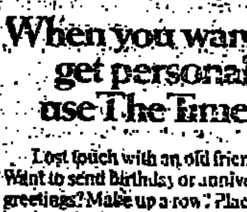
PHOENIX, E. Finchley. 883 2233. BANNED IN IRAN FOR 3 YEARS. Mehrjui's THE CYCLE (AA). Progs. 3.50, 6.05, 8.30.

SCREEN ON THE HILL. 435 3366 (Belsize Park Tube). JOAN MICKLIN SILVER'S Between the Lines (AA) 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. "Virtually unmissable."—Time Out

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Fashion

The snakes nd ladders of fashion

idence Glynn's new book* has cured of an illogicality in my attitudes to ion. Previously, I was fascinated fashions of the past, such as art veau and art deco, but could muster e interest in fashions of the pre- t. Is fashion now intrinsically less resting? Why should sheer chron- y have the power to transmute the id into the significant?

gained a hint of an explanation n Aldous Huxley's *Chronic Yellow*, which the cynical Henry Wimbush erves of a ball he attends:

If all these people were dead, this stivity would be extremely agreeable. thing could be pleasanter than to read a well-written book of an open-air ll that took place a century ago. How arming! one would say; how pretty d how amusing! But when the ball es place today, when one finds one- f involved in it, then one sees the ng in its true light. It turns out to merely this."

perhaps it was all a matter of gs seeming more glamorous in t. Humbert Wolfe, who has never his due as a writer of light verse hing of him in Kingsley Amis's recent Oxford anthology) took this theorem a stage further in his lines on the *Iliad*:

The word, and nought else,
in time endures. . . .
Not Helen's wonder
nor Paris stirs,
but the bright untender
hexameters.

Of course, it is all very gratifying for us writers to think that we matter so much, and that everyone and everything on earth will survive or perish solely by our whims. But the whims had better be good ones, and the style in which they are petrified for posterity good too.

Prudence Glynn qualifies on both counts. She acknowledges her debt to James Laver, whose classic obituary in *The Times* said he read sermons in stoles and saw the growth and waning of civilizations in the rise and fall of a hemline. Like him, she does not merely rely on nostalgia—which is history by spontaneous combustion. She is a pukka historian, an astute and analytical one.

One does not require journalists who write about wrestling to contort their prose or end their lines with a dying fall; but we might reasonably be suspicious of a fashion writer who did not write stylishly. If her sentences are of the wrong length, is she likely to be sound on hemlines? As a polished stylist, Miss Glynn does not have much competition in British fashion journalism today.

Ernestine Carter has virtually retired and ceased to terrorize the couturiers with those finely honed barbs tipped with a poison for which there was no known cure. Suzy Menkes has been translated from her superb fashion column in the *Evening Standard* to writing an Evelyn Home-type agony column in the *Daily Express*. These were writers whom even I, with my mysterious revulsion from contemporary trends, read with enthusiasm. Something must be said for Barbara Griggs of the *Daily Mail*, alleged to be the only living fashion journalist bearing the Ernestine Carter seal of approval, as Prudence Glynn bears Sir Cecil Beaton's; and for Michael Roberts, always enjoyable when he *goes too far*, which is most of the time. Otherwise, Prudence Glynn reigns supreme.

Admittedly, she is not popular in large sections of the fashion world. I think there are two main reasons for this. First, her writing is so consistently epigrammatic that some of the doughtier fashion pundits (that is, arbiters of ephemeral trivia) suspect her of making an entertainment out of what, to them, is a serious business. For the same kind of reason, Sydney Smith was never taken seriously enough to become a bishop.

Some examples from the new book: "War's effect is usually predictable: *too few men being pursued by too* many women is a sort of sexual inflation." "Without doubt the Pill *bred the mini*." "Married women were distinctly in style, the Prince of Wales' interest in these ladies having taken over where that of his grandfather left off." "Honours graduates have nervous breakdowns, trying to wash nappies with one hand and . . . write with the other. . . . The cake-mixes do not rise, the children squall." The Beatles: "a group of crop-haired country-looking boys who might have fought in the Protector's army, straight and smiling." That Miss Glynn writes wittily and picturesquely does not make her unserious about fashion, any more than a similar failing makes Mr Bernard Levin unserious about politics.

But what even more surely gets the goat of the fashion world is Prudence Glynn's Lady Bracknell act, and this is rather less defensible, though Mr A. J. P. Taylor has called snobbery "the occupational disease of historians".

As the back jacket flap of the book tells us, Miss Glynn is married to Lord Windlesham, Lord Privy Seal in the last Conservative administration. There is a "Let them eat cake!" tone to some of her observations which sometimes amuses, like the self-satirizing reactionary remarks of Evelyn or Auberon Waugh, but more often grates. When she writes of the new rich customer of the early twentieth-century, "without the social nous, the taste or the confidence to tell her designer what to do", one has the distinct impression that Lady Windlesham would tell him exactly what to do. When she remarks that two wars "have catapaulted women from the pedestal to the sink" she forgets the army of skivvies who were permanently at the sink in the early twentieth-century, who now have independence and even the chance of a pedestal—if that is what they want. Talking of civilian (women) ambulance drivers of 1940, she notes "a patrician cast of countenance under the turbans and above the siren suits". It takes one to know one, they say.

But if Prudence Glynn/Lady Windlesham is a bit of a snob, she is at least a thinking snob, with a rationale behind her snobbery. Its philosophical basis is probably summed up for her by the passage she quotes (without disapproval) from Pearl Binder's *The Peacock's Tail*. "We must remember that Society desires the individual to stay put in his allotted place, whereas the individual desires to elevate himself from his alloted place into a higher social places. . . . Dress is the most powerful single aid in this historic game of snakes and ladders."

It is Prudence Glynn's achievement in this book to identify for us the snakes and ladders of today and to show they are still on the same old board as those of the Edwardian period, in spite of the vast social changes which she chronicles so effortlessly, and fashion cataclysms like the move from couture to pret-à-porter. The unhackneyed illustrations chosen by Madeleine Ginsburg of the Victoria and Albert Museum garnish a work of lapidary comprehensiveness. With all the bitchiness of the fashion world, all the "dah-lings!" and squabbles over who should have the gilt chairs at the French collections, all the silliness of shoe-shaped hats and lip-shaped pockets, Miss Glynn has managed to make the present as interesting as the past.

**In Fashion: Dress in the twentieth century* by Prudence Glynn with Madeleine Ginsburg, Allen & Unwin, £8.95.

Bevis Hillier





'o of the illustrations in 'nce Glynn's new book: Left: The Utility scheme promoted by Vogue in 1942. The tograph was taken by Cecil Beaton t: The acceptable face of punk. ra Rhodes wears Punk Chic from 977 autumn collection

A fickle, unfaithful, roving goddess

"Is fashion a dirty word?" This was the headline with which that distinguished columnist, Ernestine Carter, greeted the formation of the Costume Society in 1957. There are few academic subjects more guaranteed to attract mass hysteria than costume. I spent some eight long-suffering years of my life chairing that society as, seemingly, the only man able to keep the warring women apart.

I don't know what it is about dress as a subject but it seems, 99 times out of 100, to attract the crackpot, the misguided or the downright perverted. Many is the museum whose shoe or underwear collection has been transformed overnight by the demise of some lonely sole whose solace was in rooms or drawers full of leather and lingerie. And even costume museums have their skeletons in the cupboard. The rows of dresses in store at Snowshill Manor, now belonging to the National Trust, suggest less the dusty deliberations of antiquarians than nameless goings on *en travestie* in the depths of the Cotswolds. The saga of the redoubtable Mrs Langley Moore's Costume Museum at Bath threatens to eclipse *War and Peace* as the contending parties manoeuvre to and fro. And for flair, panache, sparkle aligned to downright inaccuracy you could hardly beat Diana Vreeland's much applauded exhibitions at the Costume Institute of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

So, as you can see, even the frowsty museum world throws a *frisson* or two when it comes to clothes, dress, costume fashion whatever word is permissible. I confess myself, however, to be utterly hooked by it—ever since, at the age of eleven in 1947, I cut out the first marvellous pictures of Barbara Goalen by that master photographer, John French, from the *Daily Express*. With blanched face, thick eyebrows, opaque lips, tight-waisted and wearing an enormous hat, she epitomised a world which to all intents and purposes seemed only to exist in the remote past.

In those days one would visit the Costume Court at the V & A or work through the collected works of Iris Brooke or James Laver yearning—men, that is—for a return to the fantasies of earlier ages when it seemed women actually walked around with wigs three feet high on their heads topped by a ship in full sail, or men dripped with the silks and laces of the Cavalier age. Really extravagant, bizarre costume seemed in those years of economy to belong solely to the past and only to come alive for the privileged few in a gala at Covent Garden, or at Ascot.

Thirty years later we can look back and take on the innocence of it all. We have just emerged from a decade which would have left even Marie Antoinette and the Empress Eugenie at the starting post and posterity will gasp at the spectacle of what was actually worn during the last 10 years. Actuality is all-important, because we have the newsreels and the press photographs to prove what garments were really worn. Those platform shoes, for example, great surgical boots tied to the leg that make even a Venetian renaissance prostitute's towering overshoes look like monuments to chastity.

The wardrobes of pop stars, from the glitter of Elvis to the cleavage of Elton John, reduce the status of a Brummelle or a d'Orsay to that of moths, not butterflies. Nothing like David Bowie's appearance can have been seen since the fall of the Roman Empire. Regency ladies with their figure-clinging muslins or twenties flappers with their short skirts fade into obscurity compared with the brazen rip-off of the sixties mini-skirt or hot pants. And the startling leather and chains, zips and tatters of punk make even *les incroyables* look just very ordinary. It has been a decade during which the darkest fantasies of the mind have been allowed to stalk the streets in broad daylight.

But is all this art? That is the question which Prudence Glynn and Madeleine Ginsburg ask in their book *In Fashion*. And their answer and mine is resoundingly in the affirmative. Couturiers and dress designers are a new breed of artist occupying a position unparalleled in any other century. Both their designs and their dresses are eagerly pursued for museum collections, retrospective exhibitions of their work are staged, the sale rooms regard couture dresses as worthy of caution and they are the subject of books of reference. There is even a catalogue raisonné of the surviving dresses by Worth in hand and this, in terms of art history and "connoisseurship", is entering the Rembrandt class.

What has caused us to look at them more and more seriously as artists? I would say that the biggest debt is to photography. It is de Meyer, Beaton, Penn, French, Bailey or Lategan who have, from the 1920s onwards, presented clothes as art. And, as we have progressively come to recognize photography as art, the subject matter of it is similarly elevated. This recognition has depended also on the model and her ability, working with the photographer, to present the designer's work at its best as the essence of his ideas. In addition the dress show has escalated from a genteel private view to a gigantic spectacle, larger and larger in scale, until, in the case of Zandra Rhodes, it is necessary to take over Earl's Court. So it is that when the history of this century's art comes to be written, the great designers and innovators in the field of dress, a Poiret, Vionnet, Chanel, Balenciaga or St Laurent in France or a Hartnell, Amies, Quant, Rhodes or Muir in this country will be subjects for study in their own right.

But we are still left with the tantalizing question: What is fashion? Is it the dirty word that Mrs Carter thought we were labelling it. For the majority of the population fashion simply doesn't exist. They dress. This is admirably brought out by Mrs Ginsburg's choice of illustrations in the book, which are firmly based in the realities of the newspaper archive.

Nearly all histories of dress are distorting mirrors which present us with a cavalcade of aristocrats in gala costume stepping down redrawn (usually inaccurately) from their frames. Or we look through the enchanted glass of the fashion plate or magazine, be it Heideloff's *Gallery of Fashion*, which tells us that every female was at least eight feet high in Regency England, or, in the case of the 1960s, looked sizzling like Shrimpton in a mini in *Vogue* as transmuted by Baily.

Most people in fact do little more than cover themselves in some garment from a chain store that is a remote echo of something which began its life as art in the hands of the couturier. That is not fashion. That is *following* fashion, akin, to use the painter's term, to "Studio of . . ."

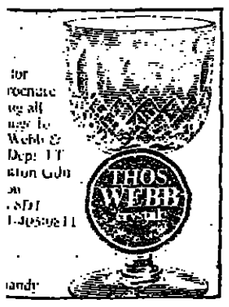
For the truth of the matter is that fashion as art must be elitist. It is for the few. It is megalitarian. It sings of workmanship for frivolity and effect. It needs and demands occasion to provide a foil. It is everything which is socially divisive. White and pale colours proclaim an endless access to laundry, dry cleaning or, worse, servants, and a divorce from manual drudgery. Jewels, furs, splendid fabrics and impracticality celebrate riches. Endless cheap and expendable clothes, fun and fantastic, speak of individuality expressing itself through the covering of the human body. Morning dress, evening dress, dinner jacket, orders, medals, tiaras and like matters spell out hierarchy and the rituals of a stratified society. Watch out, the Mao suit cometh.

And yet fashion—how beguiling, stupid, ridiculous, amazing and beautiful it can be. The true mirror of any age, the magic glass whereby we believe our imperfect selves to be made more seductive, more appealing and more commanding. It fulfils a base but basic human instinct. In the best of all possible worlds we would all display our perfect bodies unadorned in an eternal unashamed paradise. But, alas, nature is flawed. Fashion thrives on that flaw and feeds on the human desire for novelty.

Fashion is a monument to caprice. It can make fools of us all and does. And much as I join the devotees of the goddess Fashion, if it came to a choice between her and her sister goddesses, Style and Taste, there is no doubt in my mind which is the more important. The latter tributes are intangible and immutable making (horror of horrors) the unfashionable who have them eternally fashionable. Fashion is a fickle, unfaithful, roving goddess. Treat her like the tart she is and cultivate the immutables.

Dr Roy Strong

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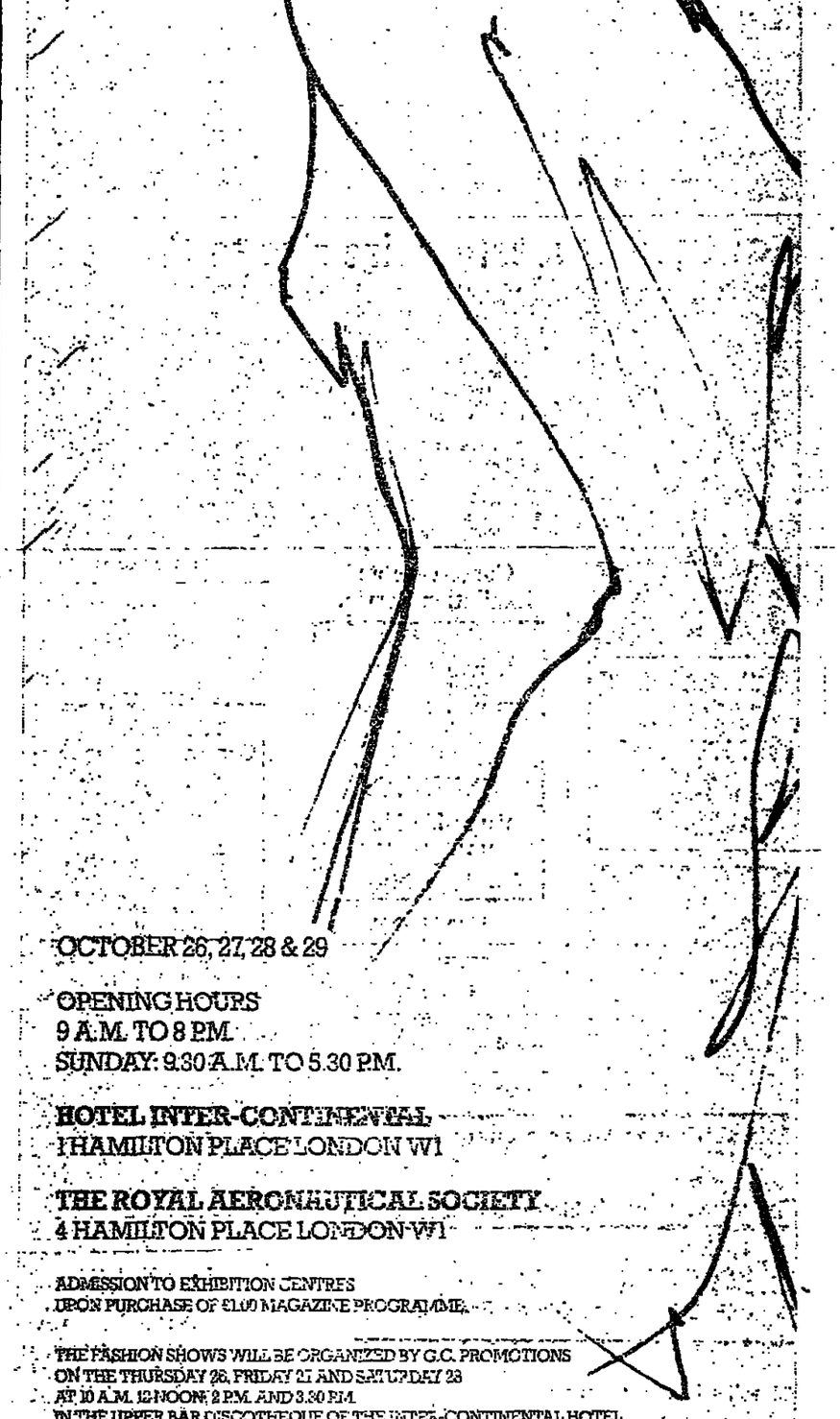
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SPORT

Rugby Union

North win rugged, wholesome game

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

North Division 20 Argentines 6

The divisional champions of England had to work distinctly hard for this victory in front of a large crowd at Headingley last evening. The defence of the whole touring side was admirable, their forwards clearly relished the task of taking on a formidable pack, and there emerged from that confrontation with much credit.

However, the North forwards won enough possession to make the eventual outcome predictable, and the hosts won a rugged and wholesome game by a goal, two penalty goals and two tries to a dropped goal and a penalty goal.

Moss made too many errors at number eight, and there were too many hiccups at loose forward generally, for the North to have much hope of success by attacking close to the scrummage. Direct assaults and sundry ploys in the middle were almost always repulsed, and so the best results emerged from stretching the defence wide. Squires looked in good order on one wing, as did Slemen with fewer chances on the other. Bond did his growing reputation no harm, and nor did Boyd with a dashing performance at full back.

The North forwards went off with a bang, scrummaging powerfully and winning virtually every ball that was going, but Young pulled a penalty down the breeze. Horton missed a couple of drop-shots, and every threat to the opposing line was resisted. Suddenly, with a superb run out of his 22, Porta, the tourists' stand-off half, set up a ruck behind which he all but kicked a penalty. This break, and some astute tactical kicking by the captain, brought his side into the picture, and soon they all but scored when Slemen had a kick charged down in the North's in-goal area.

Young had drawn another penalty wide when the North got the score they had earned on the run of play. Butler won a lineout. Bond at last pierced the defence in midfield, the right-head prop, Bell, went with him on his left, and Slemen raced over in the corner. Boyd could not convert, and what is more found his path conclusively blocked when coming into his line, but by half-time he had kicked a comfortable penalty to give his side a 7—0 lead.

Boyd stretched it further by curling in another from wide on the left after Porta had struck a post with a longish attempt on his own account, and then crowned his evening with an exciting piece of support running on the outside of his line. Squires' adhesive hands clutched down a high, looping pass from Lyon after Horton had missed out Bond in the centre, and Boyd, coming up on the right, sprinted home over the last 45 metres. Young's long conversion went high between the posts.

Sansot got six points back for the Pumas, first with a drop shot from a tap, and then with a penalty, but Porta, of all people, chipped away some good loose ball on the opposing 22, and it was the North who got the last try of the night. Bond put them in business for it with an enthusiastic tackle, and then popped up a loose ball to Higgins, who was playing on a flank in place of the injured Neary. Higgins had Horton on his left, and the stand-off simply shot to the line. It was too far out for Boyd to kick a goal.

NORTH DIVISION: D. Boyd (West Hartlepool); P. J. Squires (Harrogate); A. M. Bond (Sale); K. Lyon (Orrell); M. A. C. Slemen (Liverpool); J. P. Horton (Bath); M. Young (Gosforth); F. Cotton (Sale); N. Facer (Broughton Park); J. H. Bell (Gosforth); W. H. Beaumont (Fylde); J. Butler (Gosforth); P. Dixon (Gosforth); P. Moss (Orrell); K. Higgins (Wakefield).

ARGENTINES XV: M. Sansot; M. Campo, J. Trucco, R. Madero, A. Capdevielle; H. Porta, R. Landajo; E. Rodriguez, R. Scaton, H. Nicola, A. Tachard, R. Passagia, T. Peterson, C. Serrano, H. Silva.

Referee: A. Bryce (Scotland).

Conditions perfect but the rugby imperfect

By Gordon Allan

Middlesex 6 Kent 3

The conditions were perfect for rugby at Sudbury yesterday, but the game fell short of expectations. Middlesex scored two penalty goals and Kent a dropped goal in their first match in the London division of the county championship, which was no doubt a doubly pleasant experience for Middlesex, who lost to Kent in the divisional play-off last season.

The forwards just about cancelled each other out, except at the lineout where Christopher Ralston forged a slight advantage for Middlesex. The trouble began behind the scrummage, where neither side could make much headway to speak of. There was the odd half break here and there, notably by Cooke for Kent and French for Middlesex, but these were always spoiled by loose passing and faulty positioning.

Kent, as it happened, came nearer to scoring a try than Middlesex. This unusual event occurred late in the first half. Not for the first or last time, Williamson came up on the overlap, rounded Morrison, a former All Blacks wing, and got to within 10 metres of the Middlesex line before the movement died, in spite of Oliver's support.

Ball kicked both Middlesex's penalties, one in each half. The first followed a lineout. Kent's signal, "serpentine", failed to produce the desired result, and Middlesex won the ball and moved it across field. Gordon was tackled, a ruck formed on the 22, and Kent were penalized. It was not the first time a lineout signal fell, apparently, on deaf ears—Middlesex's would have needed a professor of mathematics to solve them.

Kent were level soon after half-time. Lawson, under pressure in his own 22, missed touch. Williamson collected the ball near the halfway line and dropped a goal with his left foot. Ball kicked his second penalty 20 minutes later, and from then onwards the rugby became even scrappier.

MIDDLESEX: G. S. Ralston (Rosslyn Park); Capt.; R. Richmond (S. French (Wasps); R. Gordon (London Scottish); I. Morrison (London New Zealand); I. Ball (Wasps); A. Lawson (London Scottish); T. Claxton (Harlequins); I. Thomas (London Welsh); P. Sanford (London New Zealand); A. Ripley (Rosslyn Park); W. Easton (Richmond Capt.); D. Ralfini (Richmond); A. Alexander (Harlequins); R. Mordel (Rosslyn Park).

KENT: I. Williamson (Blackheath, capt.); A. Mor. (Blackheath); D. Cooke (Harlequins); A. Crust (Blackheath); M. Dodenham (Loughborough Students); (sub: D. Smith, Harlequins); D. Slater, J. Hartley; R. Wooker, A. Wolfenhoime, A. Trotter (all Blackheath); A. Parfitt, A. Metropolitan Police); W. Malmaine (Blackheath); K. Short (London Irish); E. Bignell, N. Oliver (both Blackheath).

Referee: L. Prideaux (North Midlands).

Bath get the breaks and Bucharest are beaten

By Alan Gibson

Bath 18 Bucharest 6

A win by the Bucharest XV at Aberavon, and a draw at Swansea had given Bath warning of the quality of their visitors. The Romanians included five internationals and played very nearly their strongest side. Bath made four changes from the side that won at Neath on Saturday and the most important was at stand-off half. Horton was playing against the Argentines and Palmer is still injured, so Mark Sutton was called in, in his first match for three years, and did very well.

It had been as fresh and beautiful an autumn day as ever you are likely to get in Somerset in October. Naturally the evening was a little grey and chilly, nevertheless, about four thousand people came to watch, and must have enjoyed most of what they saw.

In the first half, Bath had the better of the play but were held back by some first class tackling. It was hard but never, that I could see, foul. Davies, for Bath, had six chances of penalty goals in this half. None of them was easy but he kicked only one and from such a good kicker we might have hoped for better. Alexandru had two similar attempts, rather easier, for Bucharest, of which the second was successful, making the score 3—3 at halftime.

There was no further score until the last quarter. Bath were still doing most of the attacking and Bucharest most of the tackling. A try on either side seemed remote, until suddenly Faicusanu, the Bucharest full back, misjudged a ball on his left-hand touchline. I am not sure what he was trying to do, possibly going for touch, possibly aiming a long one to the open side, where his men were gathering. What he succeeded in doing was to kick the ball a few yards into the arms of Bird who ran over without difficulty from 40 yards.

Davies converted this try and subsequently kicked three more penalty goals, against another by Alexandru. In this last period Bucharest showed their best running of the match.

So the Romanians met with their first defeat of the tour, by a goal and four penalty goals to two penalty goals and it was appropriate that Bath, where most of the organization has been done, should inflict it.

BATH: J. Waterman; J. Davies, M. Bryce (capt.); C. Bird, D. Wyatt; M. Sutton, S. Lewis; S. Meddick, G. Legg, R. P. Speed, R. Jenkins, C. Chappell, S. Jones, G. Parsons, G. Pillinger.

BUCHAREST: V. Faicusandi; P. Motrescu, A. Harfuou, M. Hotban, A. Martin, A. Dumitru, E. Sucin; I. Bucsa, Boc, Dinescu (captain), D. Alexandru, C. Cirdei, I. Stree, A. Achim, P. Bors, E. Musarto.

Referee: P. Hughes (Lancashire).

Weakened Leicestershire rise to the occasion

Leicestershire forced to call up 10 uncapped players for their first county championship game of the season when the majority of the Leicester club first team players declined to play for the county, produced an enterprising display to beat East Midlands by a goal and two tries (14) to three penalties (9) in the Midland group championship game at Leicester last night.

The replacements rose to the occasion and two tries before half-time, when the score was 10—6, and another afterwards put them on their way to a notable victory. The Bedford stand-off half Humberstone maintained the East Midlands interest with three accurate penalty kicks but his side made up mainly of Northampton players, rarely put their game together.

Flanker Morgan got Leicestershire under way with an opportunist try. The hooker, White, went over for the second, the only one to be converted by the winger Harte, and scrum half Welley grappled the ball out of a maul five yards out to add the third.

Peter Warfield, recalled by England this week after a three-year absence from international rugby, inspired Sussex to their first championship win since 1975. He scored a try, as did Clive Keevill, as Sussex beat Hampshire by a goal and a try (10) to nothing in a game full of mistakes at Portsmouth yesterday.

The Hampshire scrum half, Edwards, missed six penalty attempts and Sussex winger, Keevill took advantage of some mishandling near the Hampshire line and broke through four tackles, to score his try, after 55 minutes. Whitmore converting.

After this Sussex were in control and Warfield set the seal on their victory. The Rosslyn Park player seized on a loose ball after a break by Keevill to run past full back Patterson. Whitmore missed the conversion.

The Southern Group holders Oxfordshire, beat Berkshire by three goals, two tries and two penalty goals (32), to two tries and a penalty goal (11) in their opening championship match.

Oxfordshire had to rely on two penalty goals from Gale to give them a 6—0 lead in a scrappy first half, but afterwards they outplayed their opponents.

Today's fixture

RUGBY UNION: Moseley v Rugby (7.15).

Football

Forest lord it over the Manor Ground

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

Oxford U 0 Nottingham F 5

Many other First Division clubs may have been plagued by troubles in this season's Football League Cup but the holders, Nottingham Forest, were never in danger of catching the complaint as they comfortably beat Oxford United at the Manor Ground. Oxford, pitifully outclassed, were in permanent fear of an even more damaging rout.

They were hard put to deprive Forest of possession, and to survive the first 25 minutes without conceding a goal was probably the most rewarding achievement of their disappointing night. The Third Division side were not particularly inhibited or even lacking in determination to attack this dismaying Forest defence when they could, but that was rare indeed. They soon found themselves forced to turn up in their own defence, hoping that they could hold Forest by crowding them. It was a hopeless task, Gemmill found space without serious effort and Robertson was rarely intercepted.

One or two neat passes and a hint of good positional sense showed that Seacole was a player to watch in the future but as Robertson continually took the ball down the line almost to the corner flag before offering centres into the tightly populated goal, there was no doubt that Forest would score.

They attacked persistently and with a speed that Oxford could not resist. The three goal lead that Forest obtained before half time was well deserved. Woodcock missed one clear opportunity in the first 10 minutes, rushing to hack at a loose ball as if there might not be another. He had no cause for doubt.

Birtles, who now seems to have saved Forest the price of buying an established centre forward, began to embarrass Oxford in the 25th minute. Lloyd had roamed upfield looking to show his forwards how to break through but changed his mind, lifting the ball high to O'Neill, who was almost in the goal area. A short centre was easily turned into the net by Birtles because he had been left alone by defenders who dashed to intercept O'Neill.

Five minutes later Anderson moved forward out of Forest's defence to release Woodcock on the right and he, in turn, offered the ball to McGovern on the edge of the penalty area. McGovern had several defenders between him and goal and moved sideways, parallel with the goal line, avoiding one challenge after another before being satisfied that he had a sight of the target. He made a clean kill with a superb ground shot.

An indication of Forest's superiority was that they played from the 25th minute without Woodcock whom they replaced with O'Hare only because of a slight leg injury that would not normally have been sufficient to cause his removal.

Another indication was that two minutes later five Forest players were left unmarked in an attack that, incredibly, came to nothing. Just short of half time however, another, this time manned only by O'Neill, was stylishly finished. The ball had rebounded from Watson and though the goalkeeper, Burton, tried to reduce O'Neill's options, he had no chance of stopping a ferocious shot.

A large downcast crowd had to watch Oxford being outplayed in a second half that contained only two more goals mainly because that was all Forest chose to score. Both were clinically taken; first McGovern slipping a free kick sideways to Robertson, who thrashed in a powerful shot, and, towards the end, Anderson ran with the ball almost from his own penalty area to the opposition's and shot in a personally memorable goal on a forgettable occasion. Between the goals Forest relaxed enough to give Oxford a suggestion of a goal but not a real invitation.

OXFORD UNITED: R. Burton; D. Hodge, C. Watson, A. Bodle, M. Jackson, W. Jeffries, K. McGrogan, D. Taylor, P. Foley, A. Curran (sub A. Aylott), Seacole.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: P. Shilton; C. Anderson, I. Bowyer, J. McGovern, M. Lloyd, K. Burns, M. O'Neill, A. Gemmill, G. Birtles, A. Woodcock (sub J. Robertson).

Referee: C. B. White (Harrow).



Birtles (left) beats Bodel to score Forest's first goal.

Leeds want to be reimbursed for Stein

Leeds United may ask the Scottish Football Association for compensation after the resignation of their manager, Jock Stein yesterday. Mr Stein accepted the post as Scotland's team manager and the Leeds chairman, Manny Cussins is prepared to cite his own dealing with Brian Clough in Brighton as a precedent for such a move. "We offered him a three years contract which he accepted", Mr Cussins said. "Although he did not sign it, I should point out that Brian Clough didn't sign a contract either, but we acted honourably towards him and the club he left to join us."

Leeds paid Brighton £35,000 after Mr Clough moved in 1973 and are believed to have compensated Mr Clough with a small sum when they dismissed him 40 days later. They could decide to ask for a similar amount for the sudden loss of Mr Stein's services although the immediate reaction of the SFA secretary, Ernie Walker, was: "Compensation for Leeds does not arise as far as I am concerned." Mr Stein's departure comes just 45 days after he succeeded Jimmy Armfield at Elland Road and he will be in charge of his first international team manager's job on his fifty-sixth birthday today.

SFA officials refused to disclose Mr Stein's salary but it is believed to be close to £25,000 a year he was earning at Leeds and well over the £15,000 of his predecessor. Unlike Jock MacLeod, Mr Stein will have a contract.

Mr Stein said: "This is one of the worst moments of my life. It is not a question of discontent with Leeds, it is just a domestic matter which we couldn't get over. My wife just did not fancy going down here and it's as simple and straightforward as that. Anyone would want the national job when it comes up and I should say that if eight weeks ago I had had a choice between Scotland and Leeds I would have taken Scotland position. At the same time I think it is terrible for Cussins and the people who support the club."

City shaken out of their stride

By Gerald Sinstadt

Blackpool 1 Manchester C 1

The glint of silver, which always inspires the teams Bob Stokoe manages, elicited a splendid performance from Blackpool at Bloomfield Road last night. Erratic third division form was set aside as Blackpool matched Manchester City stride for stride in a gripping League Cup tie. A draw gives City a replay at Maine Road next Tuesday but no guarantee of further progress.

Pace, the great leveller in cup ties, was paramount. The game could hardly have been faster had it been played on roller skates on the side of Ben Nevis. Space and time had to be created by composed brains and nimble feet.

On that count, Chandler was as adept as any of the more famous names around him. His passes were always thoughtful and often challenging but in City's penalty area Watson was his usual resolute self with Booth, chosen in preference to Paul Futcher, a solid lieutenant.

Hartford, operating just in front of his defence, generated many of City's attacks. Owen and Power did their share by pushing forward but City, met firmly by Suddaby and Thompson, were rolled back like waves.

Manchester City's first corner, in the thirty-fourth minute, produced the first goal. Barnes's kick was met at the far post by Kidd, Watson's shot from close range was blocked but the ball rebounded for Channon to score.

Two minutes later, Blackpool were on terms. Pashley's long free kick from the left was flicked on by McEwan and Spence forced the ball home off Corrigan's fingers. It was no less than Blackpool's enterprise deserved.

An indication of City's frustration was seen shortly before half-time when Owen was cautioned for fouling Chandler. Then, on the hour, Palmer was sent on to place of Barnes. The England winger left the field reluctantly, walking slowly to the dressing room rather than take the vacated place on the bench.

Most of the threatening moves in the second half were made by Blackpool. Davidson touched the ball back for McEwan to take deliberate aim but his shot skipped wide. Davidson, McEwan and Chandler combined to create an opening Spence could not accept.

Later, an oblique drive by Hockaday was headed over his Blackpool could be proud of their own bar by Hartford.

BLACKPOOL: T. Hesford; P. Gardner, T. Pashley, M. Thompson, P. Suddaby, S. McEwan, J. Chandler, W. Ronson, D. Spence (sub: D. Wagstaffe); V. Davidson, D. Hockaday.

MANCHESTER CITY: J. Corrigan; K. Clements, W. Donachie, T. Booth, D. Watson, P. Power, M. Channon, G. Owen, B. Kidd, S. Hartford, P. Barnes (sub: R. Palmer).

Referee: P. Partridge (Bishop Auckland).

Watford rise majestically to the cup occasion

By Tom German

Manchester United 1 Watford 2

There was no eleventh hour reprieve for Manchester United this time. All too often of late they have managed to hide their embarrassment, and their deficiencies, behind a late goal. But Watford, finding much more style than one expects of a third division side, also had the mettle and determination to deny any more feats of escapology in last night's League Cup third round tie at Old Trafford.

True, the result hung by a thread towards the end as Manchester twice hit the framework of Rankin's goal and the Watford line was twice cleared desperately, but it was a handsome win for Watford who began to believe in themselves the moment they cancelled out United's lead immediately the second half began. They had created openings before that and both Pollard and Jenkins had found Roche alert and barring the way, but they had scarcely promised a surprise. Now, with their adrenalin set flowing, the unexpected steadily became more possible.

Blissett, a dark, darting figure, was the man who did the damage, scoring both his side's goals, though Pollard and Downes were constantly busy on the flanks and Booth and Garner were brisk to challenge whenever Manchester developed ideas of attack.

All that after United had gone ahead five minutes before half-time as Jordan cleverly hooked the ball over his shoulder and beyond Rankin's reach after McQueen had headed on McIlroy's corner kick. It was a well taken goal and Jordan's power in the air was one of Manchester's few notable strengths on a night when much of United's play lacked direction and there were too few indications of constructive skill in midfield. They missed the influence there of Macari, who was unfit, and Brian Greenhoff, who departed with an ankle injury after only eight minutes.

Once the lead had been lost, United never managed to get on top again. They fell to two fine goals from Blissett, one a flying header from Downes's cross as Manchester were in disarray before the second half had drawn breath, the other an equally splendid piece of headwork, from Booth's centre with barely 20 minutes left. Further dashes of salt might well have been rubbed in United's wounds as Blissett opened the way for Jenkins, the League's leading scorer, who did not live up to his reputation, by shooting too high.

Still, Manchester never succumb without a flurry these days and will be counting themselves unfortunate that flurries hit one post and jimmy Greenhoff the other. As they strove desperately to add yet another late recovery to their list, Garner had to head off the line from McQueen and the towering Scot almost did the trick just before the end. Coppell's corner kick reached him perfectly, McQueen's header sped accurately towards the angle of bar and post and somehow Rankin reached out a hand to brush the ball away harmlessly to assure Watford of a famous victory.

MANCHESTER: P. Roche; A. Albiston, S. Houston; B. Greenhoff, G. McQueen, M. Buchan, S. Coppell, J. Greenhoff, J. Jordan, S. McIlroy, A. Grimes.

WATFORD: A. Rankin; J. Sirrel, S. Harrison, D. Booth, I. Bolton, A. Garner, B. Pollard, L. Blissett, R. Jenkins, R. Josiyn, Downes.

Referee: T. L. Morris (Leeds).

Whatmore is ordered off to complete Bolton misery

Bolton Wanderers became the latest side from the top drawer to be dumped out of the League Cup by opponents from the lower divisions when they went down 2—1 at Exeter City at St James' Park in a match packed with drama. Bolton had Whatmore sent off, but still looked as if they might snatch a draw in a pulsating last 20 minutes.

Exeter shocked Bolton by taking an 18th minute lead with a fine goal. Bowker shook off two defenders with a superb piece of ball control before pushing a through ball into the path of Delve. Delve met the pass perfectly as two defenders converged on him and smacked a first time shot into the top corner from fully 20 yards. The goal stung Bolton into action and they besieged the Exeter goal, but they had to wait until the 50th minutes for their equaliser.

Welsh took a free kick on the right, Allardyce headed down and Gowling pivoted to hit a well-placed shot past O'Keefe from five yards. Hatch thundered a left foot shot against the Bolton bar before Exeter took the lead again with a sixty-third minute penalty. Delve was brought down by Burke and Kellow scored from the spot. Bolton then had Whatmore sent off after he seemed to aim a kick at Randell.

Nine goals were halved in another tie. Chesterfield took the lead against Charlton Athletic and then fought back to produce three equalizers before the third division club's bold challenge was finally put down.

Palace not subdued by Villa

By John Hennessy

Aston Villa 1 Crystal Palace 0

"We're not interested in League Cup any more", a young man clad in Claret and Blue declared as he directed me to the bus stop. "We've won it enough times already." You could believe it last evening as the First Division strove unsuccessfully to subdue the Second Division but must try again at Selhurst Park next Tuesday.

There was much sterility about the play and Villa's main hope were Little's impatient repertoire of feint and flick and the home artillery coming forward for dead ball kicks. These two ingredients combined when McNaught headed on Mortimer's corner and Little knocked the ball home.

But the treasure of the first half was a Palace near-miss. It was the ploy of brilliant conception and almost brilliant execution. A second man at a corner was meant as a decoy and Nicholas smacked a firm pass to Hilaire, lying behind. Hilaire dummied over the ball to create further confusion and Gilbert, steaming up behind, thundered in a low shot that Rimmer barely managed to parry on the line.

In the second half Carr began to tuck, Craig's left-foot bombed the ball from long range and Evans was everywhere. Villa were now, surely, about to march into their kingdom. But a curious exchange of penalties changed the whole picture. Whereas Hilaire was rugged right against Little (61 mins) Rimmer guessed wrong against Chatterton (73 mins) and Palace were level.

There was a kind of poetic justice in Palace's goal, since their handling offence by McNaught was forced by Hilaire's searching cross. Hilaire incurred the displeasure of the goons on the terraces by having emerged from the womb with a black skin. It was a pity that Hilaire's cross in the last few minutes only served against the crossbar. But it would have been sad to see Little on the losing side.

Three players were cautioned: Deehan and Gregory of Villa, Nicholas of Palace. Phillips came on for Villa as substitute for the injured Shelton 10 minutes from the end. As if Villa have not suffered enough from injuries already this season.

ASTON VILLA: J. Rimmer; C. Gregory, C. Williams, A. Evans, D. McNaught, D. Mortimer, T. Craig; A. Little, J. Deehan, G. Shelton (sub: P. Phillips); F. Carrodus.

CRYSTAL PALACE: J. Burridge; P. Hinshelwood, K. Sansom, J. Cannon, W. Gilbert, J. Murphy, D. Swindlehurst, G. Ervine, V. Hilaire.

Referee: A. E. Morrissey (Hull).

Results from League cups

League Cup

Third round

Aston Villa	(1) 1		C. Palace	(0) 1	
Little			Chatterton (pen)		
30,500					
Blackpool	(1) 1		Man. City	(1) 1	
Soanes			Channon		
18,869					
Chester	(0) 0		Norwich	(0) 2	
6,749			Reeves		
			Peters		
Chesterfield	(2) 4		Charlton	(3) 5	
Thet (2)			*Peacock (2)*		
Flavel			Robinson (2)		
Walker			Flanagan		
8,459					
Shrews.	(1) 2		Bolton	(0) 1	
Dave			Downs		
P. Kellow			9,151		
Man Utd	(1) 1		Watford	(0) 2	
Jordan			Blissett (2)		
40,534					
Oxford	(0) 0		Notts F	(3) 5	
14,387			Birtles		
			McGovern		
			O'Neil		
			Robertson		
			Anderson		

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Sweden 1, Czechoslovakia 3; East Germany 3, Iceland 1; Yugoslavia 1, Spain 0.

UNDER-21 MATCHES: East Germany 1, Romania 0; Poland 2, Soviet Union 1.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division: North Enderby 3, King's Lynn 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Frickley 1, Gateshead 1; Macclesfield 0, Bangor 0 (abandoned after 72 min. floodlight failure).

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Carshalton Athletic 1, Barking 1.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Edgware 6, Ruislip Manor 1; Welling United 4, Fleet Town 1.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bradfield 1, Highgate 5; Brentwood 2, Forest 1; Brighton VI Form 9, Lewes Priory 0; Hurlingham Dance 9, Corinthian Casuals 0; Cheney, Oxford Hasford Polytechnic 0; Shrewsbury 1, Abingdon 0; Tunbridge Wells HS 3, Dulwich GS 4; William Parker 5, Colfyers, Horsham 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Britain Under-24 8, Australia 30.

Scottish League Cup

Third round

Arbroath	(0) 1		Airdrie	(1) 1	
			McCann		
Celtic	(0) 0		Motherwell	(0) 1	
			Pettigrew		
Falkirk	(0) 0		Ayr	(2) 2	
			McCall		
			McLaughlan		
Hamilton	(0) 0		Aberdeen	(1) 1	
			Scallan		
Hibernian	(1) 1		Clydebank	(0) 0	
A. McLeod					
7,000					
Kilmarnock	(2) 2		Morton	(0) 0	
Kearney					
Maxwell					
Raith	(2) 3		Montrose	(0) 0	
Barrow (2)					
Forrest					
Rangers	(0) 3		St Mirren	(1) 2	
Cooper			Fitzpatrick (2)		
Miller					
Johnstone					

TOUR MATCHES: Northern Division 20, The Argentines 6; Bath 18, Bucharest XV 6.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Dorset and Wiltshire 13, Buckinghamshire 21; Hampshire 0, Sussex 10; Hertfordshire 11, Surrey 22; Leicestershire 14, East Midlands 9; Middlesex 6, Kent 3; Oxfordshire 33, Berkshire 11.

CLUB MATCHES: Bridgend 15, Cross Keys 15; Cambridge University 25, Cambridge City 0; Ebbw Vale 9, Aberavon 6; Moseley 37, Rugby 10; Newbridge 42, Bristol 9; Newport 16, Abertillery 6; Pontypool 28, Gloucester 5; Old Millhillians 36, Raynes Park 0.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Altrincham 27, St Edward's, Oxford 15; Aldenham's, Stevenage 28, Brookbourne 4; Allhallows 30, King's, Bruton 3; Ashville 6, Archbishop Holgate's 4; Bedhamy 15, St Augustine's 13; Colfe's 4, Eltham 10; Dover 30, Bearwood 3; John Fisher 36, Purley HS 14; Leighton Park 12, Phoals Green 9; Magdalen, Oxford 10, Oratory 0; Plymouth 36, Kelly 10; QES Crediton 6, Whobercr 40; St Columbas 14, St George's Harpendon 13; St Peter's, York 36, Woodhouse Grove 6; Shipley 9, City of London Freemens 10; Worth 12, Mayfield 3; St Albans 7, St Edmund's, Ware 7.

Iley pays the penalty for Blackburn's poor start

Blackburn Rovers, second from bottom in the second division, have dismissed their manager Jim Iley. He had been in charge at Blackburn only since March when he took over from Jim Smith when he became manager of Birmingham City, and is the first manager to lose his job this season.

Mr Iley, a former player with Newcastle United, Nottingham Forest, Tottenham Hotspur and Sheffield United, was manager at Barnsley before taking over from Mr Smith. The announcement was made yesterday by the Rovers chairman, William Bancroft. Blackburn, promotion challengers last season, have made a bad start this time. They failed to re-sign Wagstaffe who chose to go to Blackpool, and failed to sign Gregory after terms had been agreed with Stoke City for the striker. Gregory, who had been on loan at Blackburn for a month, chose instead to go to Bury.

Last week Mr Iley signed two players in an effort to stop the decline—the experienced Birchenall after his return from the American club Memphis Rogues, and a £40,000 striker, Craig from Celtic. Both were in the team against Charlton Athletic last Saturday when Rovers were beaten for the first time this season at home.

Mr Iley's dismissal was a unanimous decision of the board at three emergency meetings on Saturday. Mr Bancroft said the board must face the facts and are admit they do not think Mr Iley can lift the club out of its present predicament.

Mr Bancroft said a short list would be appointed as quickly as possible and that in the meantime Rovers' chief coach, John Haworth, and the club physiotherapist and former manager, Jim Marshall, will be in charge.

George Best, still the centre of a tug-of-war between Fulham and American club, Fort Lauderdale, faces a world-wide ban from football. The Football Association yesterday sent a request to Fifa to put a ban on the former Manchester United and Ireland star. It follows Best's appearance in two matches in Austria, while on loan from Fort Lauderdale to Detroit Express. That action is a breach of a ruling made by Fifa when they gave Best clearance to play in the United States.

Best, who did another disappearing acts during his visit to Austria, is under contract to Fort Lauderdale, who are in dispute with Fulham. Best's last game in Britain.

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The Church Commissioners have prepared a draft redundancy scheme providing for the appropriation of the church of Lidsdale, St. Anne (Diocese: Blackburn) to use for residential purposes; and a draft pastoral scheme for declaring redundant the parish church of the parish of Holy Trinity, Halifax (Diocese: Wakefield). Copies of the relevant draft schemes may be obtained from the Commissioners at 1, Millbank, London SW1P 3JZ, and any representations should be sent to them at that address within 28 days of the publication of this notice.

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Golf

Clark's wedge earns lead in the Masters

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

A Dunlop 65 led the scoring in the first round of the Masters golf tournament at St Pierre club, Chepstow, yesterday. It was scored by Howard Clark and it gave him a lead of two strokes over Neil Coles with the amateur champion, Peter McEvoy, one stroke away in third place. St Pierre, lush carpeted and with easy-paced greens, gives several birdie chances to those who can keep the ball out of the stately trees, and Clark had found luck such once again with his wedge, scoring well with it.

Not counting the short holes there was only one green to which Clark pitched with anything higher than a nine-iron. That is not to say that scoring was all that easy; he missed quite a few greens but again his wedge stood him in good stead. As much as anything it was his start which gave him an advantage over the field. His birdie at the first with a wedge to 10ft was one of only four in the 52 times it was played, and there were only seven birdies at the second besides his.

His 32 to the turn was the lowest of the day and contained one 25ft putt which gave him a two at the sixth. He had one other long putt coming in, but nearly suffered disaster at the last hole where his club slipped, always a danger he has to guard against, and his tee shot finished beside the stands which detract from the beauty of that final setting. However, he was seven under par by then and his final 65 still equalled the old record for the course, that is before the new tees were installed this year at the 10th and 17th.

Clark is remembered this year for his run of two firsts and a second on the Continent in the spring, but he has been a model of consistency since and his fifth place in the order of merit owes much to his having finished four times seventh and once eighth in recent weeks. What has kept him out of the headlines has been the absence of just that quality that raised his game yesterday, getting the hole into range with his wedge.

There was a time when McEvoy stout fellow though he is, would have felt out of place in a field such as this. That he does not feel so any longer is largely due to his experience last week in the World Series. After he had played the monster Firestone course he doubted whether he could break 80 over it yet all around people were talking about "shooting 68". "When I looked at that board", he said yesterday, "and at those 25 world-class players, I began to think mine was the only name I had never heard of." Still he had two rounds of 73, and the experience will stand him in good stead, especially in any future Opens.

So when he teed up with Player yesterday he did not feel out of place and was not embarrassed when he occasionally outdrove and finally out-scored the other Masters champion. "He scored three birdies and did not drop a single stroke to par. In the words of Player, "Time is the way to become a great player; it's not the number of birdies you score, it's the number of bogeys you don't score that count."

The nearest McEvoy came to dropping a stroke was at the third where he was plugged in a bunker but holed from 25ft, but he also had to hole from 15ft at the last for his par, after chipping short. The most spectacular of his three birdies was at the 14th where he pitched almost into the hole with his wedge, at a time when his distinguished partner was taking a hardworking five. Seeing the only amateur so well placed the mind back to a day in 1959 when Joe Carr went into lunch on the final day leading the field of professionals by four strokes, and great was the quantity of Guinness lowered at Portmarnock in expectation of a popular victory. It was lucky that the man who stepped between him and that victory with a final round of 66, Christy O'Connor, was almost as popular as Carr himself.

Gale, a 32-year-old Australian who returned 68, is over here on the strength of having won this year's Singapore Open. He was an amateur golfer of the highest class in his own country before turning professional, but with a family of three children he is unlikely to make a habit of appearing over here.

Jacklin looked to be on the point of completing a par round when he hit a bad hook off the last tee which hit the scoreboard and vanished over the wall. A six there, the second ball finished only feet from the wall, gave him 74. Guy Hunt, the title holder, made it all look worse by hitting his tee shot to 8ft and holing for a birdie. Only James, besides him, had a two at that treacherous hole where more than half the field went over par. Coles enlivened a good round with an eagle at the 14th where, taking his sandwedge from about 50 yards out, he holed for a three.

First round scores at St Pierre

65 H. Clark.
67 N. Coles.
69 P. McEvoy, T. Gale, (Australia).
70 S. Bynum (US), B. Huggett, V. Baker (S Africa), G. Norton (Australia), M. Bland (S. Africa), O'Leary, M. James, R. Brown, N. Faldo.
71 A. Valles, P. Oosterhuis, D. Marsh (Australia), B. Hyton, J. Callaway (Spain), D. Hayes (S. Africa), (Spain), (S Africa), R. Charles (NZ), M. Grayson, D. Eichelberger (US).
72 B. Dassu (Italy), R. Mallow (US), H. Balocchi (S Africa), B. Gallacher, P. Townsend.
73 S. Mobyn (US), S. Lyle, J. Morgan, P. Thomson (Australia), G. Hunt.
74 S. Robiby (S Africa), P. Dawson, M. Pinero (Spain), St. Ballesteros (Spain), E. Polland, A. Garrido (Spain), P. Ratcliffe (Australia), A. D. Jacklin.
75 M. King, B. Barnes, C. O'Connor, junr.
76 T. Britt (S Africa), S. Torrance, C. Darcy.
77 T. Russell, S. Owen (NZ), D. Jones, D. Durnian.
80 M. G. Cullen retired.





Clark (right), who equalled the old course record at St Pierre, and McEvoy not embarrassed by outdriving Player or dropping no shots to par.

Tennis

Miss Drury's defeat saves lonely journey

Catherine Drury was saved a lonely journey to the United States on Sunday when she was beaten in her final group match in the under-21 international team championships, sponsored by Perrier, at Stevenage yesterday.

Contingency plans had been made for Miss Drury, aged 18, from Lincolnshire, to travel a day later than the rest of the British squad competing in the Maureen Connolly Trophy International next week, had she gone through at Stevenage.

Instead she was beaten unexpectedly 6—3, 6—4 by West Germany's Petra van Oyen, and she will now be able to fly out with the rest of the squad.

With her team colleague Sonia Davies also failing to reach the quarter-finals, Britain's hopes of winning the women's trophy a third successive time were at an end, but three successes in a row in the men's event is still possible.

Both Rohan Boven from Sussex, and the Middlesex player Christopher Bradnam reached the quarter-finals. Boven had a tough final group round-robin match before beating the New Zealander Brett Hibbert 6—2, 7—6, while Bradnam won comfortably 6—2, 6—3 against the Canadian Mark Roberts.

Sweden started the lead with Britain on points and their outstanding player Ola Hallgren, who won the first tournament of the two-week championships—at Nottingham—continued unbeaten this week when he edged to a 6—4, 7—6 victory over the West German, Uli Wilms.

Men

TEAM: group A: D. Pohl (Czechoslovakia) beat P. Chiche (France), 6—2, 1—6, 6—3; M. Buyen (GB) beat D. Hibbert (NZ), 6—4, 7—5; M. Schaurs (Netherlands) beat P. Cuiling (W. Germany), 6—1, 6—2. Group B: P. Denis (France) beat O. Van den Wildenburg (Netherlands), 6—3, 6—0; rtd: O. Hallgren (Sweden) beat U. Wilms (W. Germany), 6—4, 6—2; C. Bradham (GB) beat M. Roberts (Canada), 6—2, 6—3; J. Brabenec (Canada) beat H. Johansson (Sweden).

OPEN: singles, first round: A. Lloyd (Essex) beat N. Rayner (Essex), 6—4, 6—3.

Women

TEAM: group A: Miss P. van Oyen (W. Germany) beat Miss C. Dynes (GB), 6—3, 6—2; Miss M. Pakker (Netherlands) beat Miss P. Eskilom (Sweden), 6—2, 6—2; Miss D. Kepetova (Czechoslovakia) beat Miss L. Spain (Canada), 6—1, 6—3; Miss H. Taubert (Israel) beat Miss S. Chevalier (France), 7—5, 6—0. Group B: Miss M. Skuhorska (Czechoslovakia) beat Miss M. Hesken (Netherlands), 6—2, 6—3; Miss S. Levin (GB) beat Miss T. Levin (Israel), 6—2, 6—3; Miss N. Bonn (Sweden) beat Miss N. Eland (Canada), 6—2, 6—1; Miss B. Morlock (W. Germany) beat Miss N. Delalque (France), 6—3, 7—5.

OPEN: Singles first round: Miss S. Cooper (Kent) beat Miss S. Cook (Notts), 6—0, 6—3; Miss C. Molesworth (Devon) beat Miss N. Harris (USA), 6—2, 6—2.

Orantes put out by Kodes

Madrid, Oct 4.—Manuel Orantes of Spain, the second seed, was beaten in the second round of the Madrid Grand Prix tennis tournament today by Jan Kodes of Czechoslovakia. Orantes, who won the tournament in 1976, fell 7—6, 6—4, to the 32-year-old Czech.

SECOND ROUND: B. Taroczy (Hungary) beat P. Bertolucci (Italy), 1—6, 6—3, 6—2; V. Zednik (Czechoslovakia) beat H. Velasco Colombia), 3—6, 6—3, 6—3; J. Fillol (Chile) beat E. Vazquez (Spain), 7—6, 6—3; A. Panatta (Italy) beat Dowdeswell (Rhodesia), 6—3, 6—4; T. Smid (Czechoslovakia) beat G. Goven (France), 6—2, 6—2; J. L. Clerc (Argentina) beat R. Ycaza (Ecuador), 7—5, 6—4; I. Molina (Colombia) beat F. Lana (Spain), 2—6, 6—4, 6—3; J. Kodes (Czechoslovakia) beat M. Orantes (Spain), 7—6, 6—4; U. Pinner (W. Germany) beat P. Huta (Czechoslovakia), 6—1, 6—1; J. Higueras (Spain) beat J. Hrebec (Czechoslovakia), 2—1 retired with injured hand; G. Barazzutti (Italy) beat H. Kary (Austria), 7—6, 6—1; Z. Franulovic (Yugoslavia) beat A. Mayer (W. Germany), 7—6, 6—1; V. Sirdic (Czechoslovakia) beat J. Soler (Spain), 7—5, 6—2; C. Lewis (NZ) beat J. L. Maeso (Spain), 6—3, 6—4; H. Gildermeister (Chile) beat J. Hjerquist (Sweden), 6—4, 6—2; W. Fibak (Poland) beat K. Eriksson (Sweden), 6—2, 6—2.—Reuter.

Sweden given a chance by Borg

Stockholm, Oct 4.—Sweden have a chance, but the United States must start as favourites. That is the opinion expressed here today by Bjorn Borg on the outcome of the Sweden v United States Davis Cup inter-zone final which gets under way at Göteborg in the south of Sweden on Friday. The Swedes have been training diligently on the artificial Göteborg surface for the past two days and they have been heartened by the news that Borg has fully recovered from the injured thumb which has affected his performances in recent tournaments.

The Swedes have concentrated their preparations on the doubles partnership of Bjorg and Ove Bengtsson. They feel that Borg should win his two singles matches against Ashe and Gerulaitis, but are concerned that their number two, Johansson, may find wins hard to obtain.

The Swedish doubles pair will be pitted against Smith and Lutz, one of the world's top doubles teams.

Hockey

Malaysians too keen after a slow start

By Sidney Friskin

South 2 Malaysia Under-21 1

The South hastily gathered together a divisional hockey team to take on the touring Malaysia Under-21 side at Richmond yesterday and just managed to beat them in an exciting finish. It was not the strongest side from the South, whose resources three years ago were rich enough to draw with the senior Malaysian team.

The Malaysians, who have already qualified for the world junior cup to be held in Paris next year, are nearing the end of a European tour on which they have been Ireland, Spain and France, although they lost the return match to the French. They are playing London University at Motspur Park today, starting at 11 am.

Most of the South's attacks were set up by Imtiaz and Evans with Purdy lending a helping hand from behind. They made a good enough start with Evans getting a touch to a centre from Imtiaz to send the ball into the net in the fifth minute. In a long period of ascendancy the South forced two short corners to one by the Malaysians before Imtiaz put them further ahead, following up his own shot after Evans had made the opening.

After the interval, Santa Maria, showing fine skill with his stick, led a number of Malaysian assaults which generally broke down inside the circle. But it took all the experience of Pinks to extricate the South defence from the tangles arising from three short corners forced by the Malaysians, who on one occasion were unlucky not to have been awarded a penalty stroke.

South's attacks were less frequent, although Purdy and Pinks once nearly scored between them. The Malaysians eventually reduced the lead in the 29th minute when Seong converted a short corner after a perfect stick-stop. They came close to scoring again in the closing minutes.

SOUTH: D. Smith (Bromley); I. Pinks (Guildford), A. Muller (Trojans), A. Wallace (Southgate), R. Seymour (Reading), D. Buckley (East Grinstead), B. M. Purdy (Trojans), C. Rate (Beckenham), G. J. Evans (Holmsley), S. Imtiaz (Southgate), C. Eyles (Old Kingstonians).

MALAYSIA UNDER-21: M. Sanvalli; Foo Kwai Seong, D. Ng, S. van Hulzen, Tam Kam Sheng, K. Perudural, Hupdesh Singh, S. Prakash, Ra'ah Leman, C. Santa Maria; Ling Hock Seng.

UMPIRES: L. Brown (Southern Counties) and Low Ah Kiu (Malaysia).

Shooting

Americans clean up medals in absence of Russians

Seoul, Oct 5.—Four world records fell and the United States picked up two more gold medals to extend their total to 18 as the forty-second world shooting championships ended here today. Both Spain and Canada won their first gold medals on the final day, while Switzerland and Finland edged one each in the six events decided. Susan Nattrass, of Canada, bettered her own world record in the trap by three shots. She had a score of 195.

Ragnar Skanaker, of Sweden, set another world record when he took the standard pistol 25 metres event with 583, one shot better than the old mark held by L. Baca, of Czechoslovakia. The other two world records were set by American marksmen, who led the gold medal race far ahead of Russians in the absence of Russian and other East Europeans. The communist nations have refused to take part apparently for political reasons. They have no diplomatic relations with South Korea.

The 57-member American team collected a total of 18 gold, nine silver and six bronze awards, while Italy, in second place, had four gold, five silver and two bronze, West Germany, Switzerland and Finland won five gold medals each, with Sweden and Austria taking four each.

Spain's gold medal was won by Pedro Valldueri, who took the men's trap individual event with a score of 198, one shot off the world mark. Spain picked up a silver in the women's trap when Miss Carmen Garcia turned in a score of 179 after Italy's Wanda Scarpelletti with 185.

David Kimes, United States, successfully defended his world title in standard rifle 300 metres with a new world record of 577, one shot better than his own world record. The United States won the team title in standard rifle with an aggregate of 2,281, another world record, bettering the world record by one shot.

Altogether, seven world records were set and three were equalled at the championships. Over 1,000 competitors from 66 countries competed in 21 events, 14 for men and seven for women. At the last championships four years ago in Switzerland, 14 world records were broken with five equalled.

Kimes said he plans to shoot full time to make the United States Olympic team for Moscow in 1980. "It really takes a lot of determination and self-sacrifice to shoot at this level of competition", he said after setting a new world record in standard rifle. He added: "Money's really tight with me and I'm away from home most of the time attending matches and practising. But with an understanding wife and a little help from the Army Reserve, I'm getting by alright."

At the forty-first championships in 1974, the Soviet Union led the medal list with 23 gold, 11 silver and 8 bronze medals, while the United States were second with 15 gold, 15 silver and 11 bronze. Joe Berry, who managed the last five United States national shooting teams, said "I'm satisfied with the performance of the American team here, but not overjoyed as more has to be done to improve it." Asked if the absence of Russians had anything to do with the performance of the Americans, he said no. He said that as far as rifle events are concerned, Americans have always been stronger than the Russians. He said that he had expected the West Germans to be tougher, but instead, the Swedish delegation emerged stronger than expected.

MEN

STANDARD PISTOL: 25-metre individual competition (600).—1. R. Skanaker (Sweden), 583 (world record); 2. S. Saniemaa (Finland), 580; 3. H. Paavola (Finland), 577. Team (1,800).—1. Finland, 2,697; 2. Italy, 2,289; 3. Switzerland, 2,276; 6. Britain, 2,248.

Standard big bore rifle 300 metres three positions individual: (600).—1. D. Kimes (US), 577 (world record); 2. Y. Prorzet (France), 574; 3. M. Cooper (GB), 573. Team (maximum 2,400).—1. United States, 2,281 (new world record); 2. Switzerland, 2,258; 3. Finland 2,251.

TRAP: individual competition (200).—1. E. Valldueri (Spain), 198; 2. S. Basagni (Italy), 197; 3. E. Ellis (Australia), 195.

Women

TRAP: individual competition (200).—1. S. Nattrass (Canada), 195 (world record); 2. W. Gentiletti (Italy), 185; 3. C. Garcia (Spain), 179.—AP.

Medals table

	G	S	B
United States	18	15	11
USSR	6	5	3
Finland	5	4	5
West Germany	5	7	6
Switzerland	5	5	4
Sweden	4	5	7
Britain	4	3	2
Spain	1	1	3
Canada	1	1	0
Denmark	1	0	1
France	0	1	0
South Korea	0	1	0
Australia	0	0	2
Japan	0	0	1
Norway	0	0	1
Brazil	0	0	1
Argentina	0	0	1
Austria	0	0	1
Colombia	0	0	1
Guatemala	0	0	1

World records

Men

STANDARD RIFLE 300M: Individual: D. Kimes (US) 577 (old record 575).
MEN'S STANDARD RIFLE 300M: Team: D. Kimes, B. Goldsby, L. Wigger and W. Wright (US), 2281 (2280).
MEN'S FREE RIFLE THREE POSITIONS 300M: Individual: L. Wigger (US), 1160 (1158).
RUNNING GAME TARGET 50M (MIXED): Individual: G. Mezzani (Italy), 587 (585).
FREE PISTOL 50M: Individual: M. Mindor (Switzerland) 577 (575).
STANDARD PISTOL 25M: Individual: R. Skanaker (Sweden) 583 (582).

Women

TRAP: Individual: S. Natrass (Canada) 195 (192).

Squash

Hunt wears down newcomer

Melbourne, Oct 4.—The defending champion and current world open title holder, Geoffrey Hunt, showed excellent form again in the Australian open squash championship here tonight, beating Maqsood Ahmed of Pakistan 9—4, 9—2, 9—4 in the second round. Hunt was in command throughout the 35-minute match against Maqsood, a new professional but the current holder of the world amateur title.

Maqsood played well, but he could not hold on against the tremendous pressure Hunt exerted throughout the match. Hunt began slowly and was down 2—0 and 4—2 with the Pakistani, aged 21, playing some fine outright winners. But then Hunt took the initiative and won the next seven points to take the game.

He maintained the pressure to sweep through the second game 9—2 but the Pakistani fought back to lead 4—1 in the third game. For the second time in the match, however, Hunt won seven straight points for the game and the match.

A contest between the two fiery Pakistanis, Hiddy Jahan and Torsam Khan, had the crowd either hooting or applauding. Jahan won a match filled with fine shots and short rallies, 9—4, 9—5, 5—9, 10—8.

RESULTS: H. Jahan (Pakistan) beat T. Khan (Pakistan), 9—4, 9—5, 5—9, 10—9; G. Hunt (Australia) beat M. Ahmed (Pakistan), 9—2, 9—4; C. Nancarrow (Australia) beat P. Wright (Australia), 10—8, 9—2, 10—8; G. Alauddin (Pakistan) beat F. Donnelly (Australia), 9—2, 9—0, 9—3.—Reuter.

Athletics

Irregularity in payment of expenses

About 40 amateur athletes, in Britain and abroad, are to be called upon by Edinburgh police in the near future, because of inquiries being pursued into an apparent irregularity in the payment of expenses at the Glenlivet Edinburgh Highland Games at Meadowbank stadium in August. Alongside the police inquiry, Edinburgh District Council, the organizers of the Games, easily Scotland's biggest athletics event for the last 30 years, have ordered their own probe.

This is expected to delve into arrangements made for "payments" to athletes who took part, a notoriously grey area which, if exposed, could have repercussions throughout the sport. The Edinburgh meeting was sponsored for the first time this year by Glenlivet Whisky to the extent of at least £18,000 and attracted a capacity crowd of 15,000. The overall budget is believed to be nearly £30,000.

It was the activities of one athlete, apparently an American who claimed an air ticket having already received his expenses, which caused the organizer, Bill Walker, an assistant manager at Meadowbank, to call in the police on the day of the Games on August 19.

Mr Walker yesterday refused to name the man concerned, stating that there might have been a misunderstanding. It is now believed that details of payments made to at least 40 athletes are in the hands of the police.

IOC group will visit China

Manila, Oct 4.—Three members of the International Olypic Committee (IOC) will visit Peking later this month to discuss China's application for membership. The group, led by Mr Lance Cross a New Zealand member of the IOC executive board, is expected to spend seven to 10 days in China.

Cricket

PESHAWAR: Tour match: Combined XI, 268 for 9 dec (Zaheer 73); Indians, 43 for 1.

Baseball

Yankees win the 1st game of ciding series

Kansas City, Missouri, Oct 3.—The defending world champions, New York Yankees, defeated the Kansas City Royals 7-1 here tonight to take the first game of their best-of-five series to decide the American League baseball championship.

Reggie Jackson ended a fine day's batting with a three-run home run in the eighth inning as the Yankees scored 16 hits off Kansas City pitchers. The hits were held to two hits by a pair of young right-handed pitchers, Jim Beattie and Ken Clay.

Jackson continued a spectacular batting streak in championship games and world series play. He has reached base 11 consecutive times in post-season play-offs, including eight hits, five of them home runs, and nine runs batted in.

The Royals are the American League's western division champions while the Yankees won the eastern division in a sudden death play-off on Monday as Boston. The National League play-offs begin today.—Reuter.

Boxing

Stevenson gets clearance to take on Ali

Chicago, Oct 4.—The Cuban boxer, Teofilo Stevenson, twice Olympic heavyweight champion, has received clearance from his Government to take part in a series of five three round bouts with the world heavyweight champion, Muhammad Ali, the boxing promoter, Bob Arum, announced here yesterday.

Mr Arum added that the bouts would take place in Madison Square Gardens, at Los Angeles and at three other American places. "It all depends on Ali and the TV networks for it to come off", Mr Arum said.

The promoter pointed out that Stevenson, as an amateur, would not receive any money for the contests, but a sum of money would be given to the Cuban Boxing Federation. For his part, Stevenson, who arrived at New York yesterday with the Cuban Amateur Boxing team, said that he had no intention of fighting Ali, and that the main thing was to prepare for the Moscow Olympics.—Agence France-Presse.

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Show jumping

Merkel has cause to sing an aria after the show is over

By Pamela MacGregor-Morris

Lutz Merkel, whose falsetto rendering of operatic arias has entertained his own and the British team after many convivial after-show dinners over the years, gave West Germany her first victory of the season in the Dick Turpin Stakes at the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley yesterday. Riding Golden Gate, he was 3.1sec faster than Stephen Hadley on Sunora, and in a three-cornered final Sally Mapleson was 1.7sec slower on Phaeton.

Another German rider, Hugo Simon (though when he failed to make the 1972 Olympic team he conveniently remembered an Austrian grandmother, successfully applied for dual nationality, and became the mainstay of the Austrian team) won the Butlin Top Score. The margin of victory was narrow, for David Broome was a mere half-second slower on Tabac Original (formerly Heatwave, who recently won the Irish Horse Board's special award for the most consistent Irish-bred horses on the international circuit).

Fred Broome, the paterfamilias of this remarkably successful family (his two daughters also rode here yesterday, Elizabeth on the Everest Stud Forever and Mary on the working hunter Let's Go, on whom she won the championship a year ago) has made a splendid recovery from the operation he underwent 18 months ago and is bent on conquering fresh fields.

Last week in Leeds he bought the old London to York coach and next May he intends to drive it at the Royal Windsor Horse Show with a team of black Welsh cob stallions. He has also acquired a six-year-old, 15-hand hackney stallion, "liver chesnut, and as pretty as paint", from a fellow Welshman who had planned to drive it himself, but abandoned the plan when he suffered two heart attacks. It is all a case of what is bred in the blood coming out in the bone, for Fred's father was coachman to the local doctor in a little town in Wales.

The early stages of the Whitbread Young Riders' championship were dominated by the holder, Michael Whitaker, whose brother, John, won the Butlins championship on Monday night. Having qualified four horses in a field of 35, the young Yorkshireman achieved three of the 12 clear rounds, but all his team came unstuck in the jump-off and victory went to Victoria Gascoine, a pupil of Malcolm Byrah, from the Nottinghamshire cathedral town of Southwell Minister, riding McGinty, who achieved one of the three double clears and won by 3.3sec.

Eddie Macken and Carroll's Boomerang, both of whom have been resting since so narrowly losing the world championship in Aachen in the middle of August, won the Philips Industries championship on Tuesday night.

They had to dispose of 10 opponents in a hard-fought barrage, chief among them being Harvey Smith and David Broome. Smith, going first, seemed unlikely to provide much of a challenge when Sanyo Music Centre (Graffiti) ducked out at the last parallel, the second part of a double, incurring three faults in 45.6sec. But it still kept him in second place when Boomerang, going eighth, achieved the only clear round in 34.7sec. Broome, on Sportsman, shared third place with John Whitaker on Ryan's Son with four faults in identical times of 34.2sec.

The Hoechst Foxhunter championship was won by Stuart Davidson, a 36-year-old professional horseman and motor car dealer from Essex, on his home-bred seven-year-old grey mare, L.B.F. who is by the Cambridgeshire premium stallion, Flying Curtis, out of an Irish draught mare. He sold her to a friend who owns a fashion shop called La Belle Femme with the understanding that he has her back to breed from when her jumping career is over. He also produced Nice'n'Easy, with which Derek Ricketts has had a good deal of success this season.

BUTLIN TOP SCORE: 1, H. Simon's Little One. 2, D. Broome's Tabac Original. 3, E. Wauters's Rossantico Belmont.

DICK TURPIN STAKES: 1, L. Merkel's Golden Gate. 2, S. Hadley's Sunora. 3, Miss S. Mapleson's Phaeton.

WHITBREAD YOUNG RIDERS: 1, Miss V. Gascoine's McGinty. 2, M. L. Hoston's Powys. 3, Miss P. Rayton's Wilhelm.

PHILIPS INDUSTRIES CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, E. Macken's Carroll's Boomerang. 2, Team Sanyo's Sanyo Music Centre. equal 3, Harris Carpet's Sportsman and J. Whitaker's Ryan's Son.

HOECHST FOXHUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, S. Davies's L.B.F. 2, Mrs V. Mitchell's Foxlynch Lighthearted (Miss A. Edwins). 3, 6 horses tied.

SMALL HUNTER OF THE YEAR: 1, Mrs D. Jackson's Misty Day (M Poole). 2, Mr and Mrs A. McCowan's Statesman. 3, Nobility Ltd's Why Worry (R Oliver).

Tennis

KAANAPALI, Hawaii: R. Tanner beat T. Moor, 6—1, 6—4; G. Mayer beat J. Borowiak, 6—1, 6—2; H. Pfister beat C. Letcher, 6—2, 6—1; H. Solomon beat B. Mitten, 6—2, 6—3; J. Newcombe beat S. Menon, 6—1, 7—5; Tom Gullikson beat C. Dibley, 6—3, 6—1.

PESHAWAR: Davis Cup: Pakistan and South Korea are level, 1—1. Madir Ali Khan beat Ju Chang-Nam, 6—3, 6—8, 10—8, 6—1.

Racing

Devon Ditty is new Guineas hit

By Michael Seeley

Devon Ditty won the most money for a two-year-old filly in this country when capturing the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket yesterday. Apart from having collected for her owner, Sir Edwin McAlpine, over £70,000 for passing the post first in seven races, she has also won him over £30,000 in breeders' premiums. What better advertisement could there be for buying British than this magnificent victory during the October Sales?

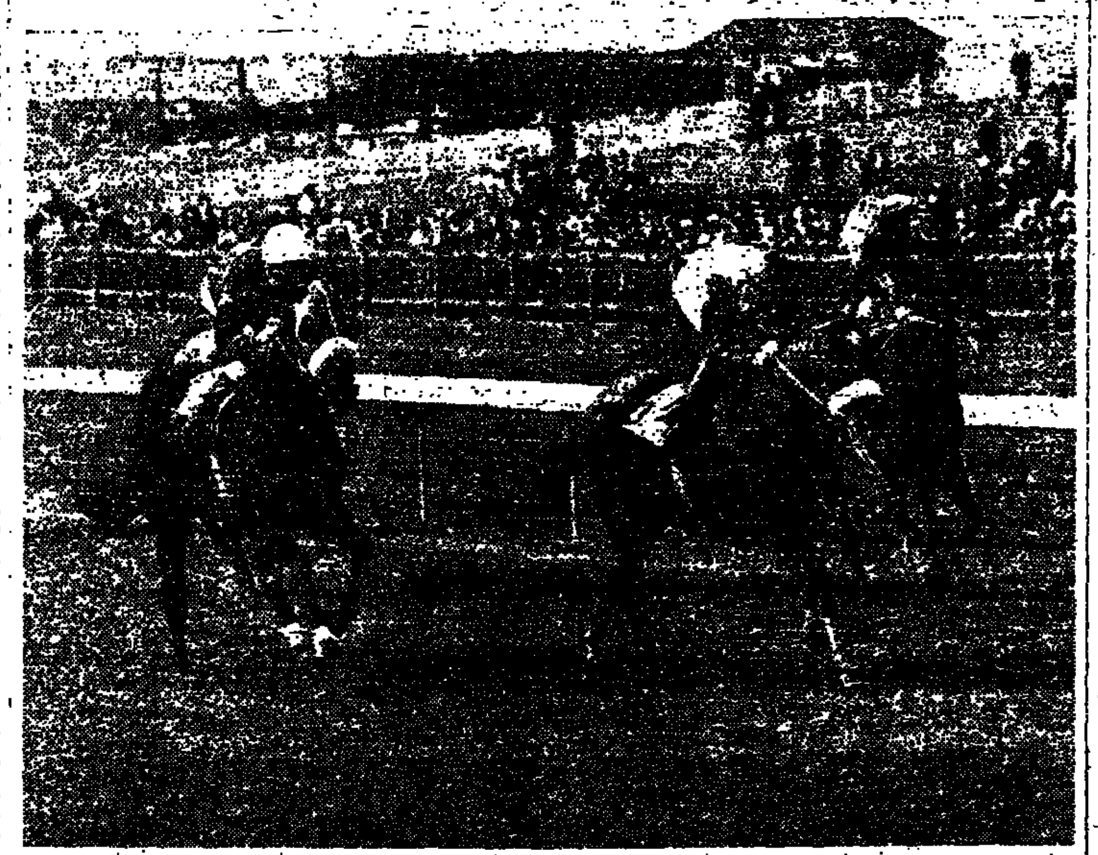
Rumours were rife before racing that all was not well with this remarkable filly. Devon Ditty had injured her fetlock joint at exercise last Wednesday. The joint had become swollen and the filly had to miss her final gallop on Saturday. "We've only been able to get two little bits of work into her since Sunday", a relieved Harry Thomson Jones said after the race. But the punters still piled the money on the Song filly, who started favourite at 11-8.

As a result of the injury, her trainer told Greville Starkey to be as easy on the filly as possible. In all his string of big race successes this season, Starkey had never ridden as artistically and confidently as he did yesterday. Penny Blessing shot out of the stalls like a scalded cat and was soon well clear of her rivals. At the Bushes, Devon Ditty, the Irish filly, Kilijaro, and Do Be Daring started to close the gap. Racing into the dip, Piggott on Do Be Daring took a narrow lead.

But by this time, Starkey looked assured of victory. Nudging Devon Ditty gently to take the advantage, the jockey pushed her home with hands and heels to withstand the sustained challenge of Kilijaro by a neck with Do Be Daring two lengths away third.

Devon Ditty was immediately installed favourite for the 1,000 Guineas, and by the end of the afternoon 10-1 was the top price on offer against the filly with Ladbrokes.

Bred by Gerald Deane, a partner in Tattersall's, at his Littleton stud in Hampshire, Devon Ditty was bought by Thomson Jones for 7,800 guineas as a yearling. The filly's rise from rags to riches has been extraordinary. Starting with a victory in a humble event at Pontefract in May, Devon Ditty has now won four pattern races. She has also captured two Group One events, yesterday's win having been preceded by her triumph in the Flying Childers Stakes at Doncaster. But so, too, has Pitasia, who is second favourite for the first of thet fillies classics. Sir Douglas Clague's French-trained filly, having beaten the colts in the Prix Robert Papin at Maisons-Laffitte prior to her decisive victory in the Critérium des Pouliches at Longchamp on Sunday.



Greville Starkey and Devon Ditty winning the Cevely Park Stakes.

There is no reason why Devon Ditty should not train on and take all the beating in the Guineas. She is blessed with a relaxed temperament and a sparkling turn of foot.

By far the easiest winner yesterday was another two-year-old, Baptism, who took Dry Canes Stakes by five lengths in the hands of Piggott. As so often happens at Newmarket, Jeremy Tree's two-year-old was racing on his own on the far side of the course. When asked by th. Beckhampton trainer why the jockey had not restrained Baptism, Piggott made the reply: "Because the standside group were a long way in front of me at half way."

Tre bought Baptism on Jock Whitney's behalf as a yearling for 15,500 guineas. "The two-year-old could not be more unfashionably bred on his dam's side", said the trainer. "But it now looks as though he could be worth more than I paid for him." The North Fields colt is engaged in the Horris Hill Stakes but Tree considers that Baptism is most unlikely to run there as the Newbury race has been armarked for Mr Whitney's impressive York winner, Armistice Day.

Tree refused to be drawn as to Home Run's chances in the Cambridgeshire. The three-year-old is now favourite at 6-1 with all bookmakers. However, there is not a particularly distinguished field for the first leg of the autumn double.

When third to Rhyme Royal at York, Home Run showed that he is on the way back to recapturing the ability that saw the Homeric colt finish third to Dactylographer and Julio Mariner in the William Hill Futurity Stakes at Doncaster as a two-year-old. Provided that the ground continues to ride fast, and that Piggott can persuade the colt to settle, Hom eRun could be a flaw in Saturday's handicap, with only 8st 9lb to carry. He looks sure to start at a shorter price on the day.

Another feature of yesterday's racing was a game victory by Verley Bewicke's consistent sprinter, Cedar Grange, in the Phantom House Handicap. Cedar Grange was fully extended to resist the sustained attack of Classy Dame by a head. The post race comment of Douglas Hamilton, the owner of the colt and a director of the British Bloodstock Agency. "This is Britain's answer to Sigy", was only said in jest, but Cedar Grane lacks nothing in courage and could go well in the Prix de la Forer at Longchamp on October 22.

Finally, Harry Wragg, whose stable has been laid low with the virus for most of the season, saddled Sir Philip Oppenheimer's filly, Pagan Queen, to run out a comfortable winner of the Quy Maiden Fillies Stakes. "That will be Pagan Queen's last race", said the veteran trainer. "She will now be retired to her owner's stud", be retired to her owner's stud."

Sailcloth doubtful

Sailcloth, winner of last year's November Handicap, may be forced to miss the race at Doncaster next month. He pulled up lame after working at Newmarket on Tuesday and William Hastings-Bass, his trainer, said: "I will not know the extent of the injury until it is X-rayed. I don't want people to back him until I know whether he is fit enough to run."

Stanford to balk the hopes of O'Brien

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Vincent O'Brien's hopes of winning the Middle Park Stakes for the first time at Newmarket today rest with Junius whose elder half-sister, Gentle Thoughts, won the Cheveley Park Stakes over the same course and distance five years ago. Before the season began, I got the distinct impression that O'Brien thought that this $300,000 Raja Baba colt was one of his sharpest two-year-olds and that we could expect to see him in action at Royal Ascot in June.

In the event, Junius did not even make his first appearance in public until the end of July when he started at 3-1 on and was beaten a short head on the Curragh. Although Junius atoned for that narrow defeat by winning his next two races there, I did not detect much confidence in O'Brien's voice when we discussed the colt in Paris on Monday. He seemed to be more hopeful than confident, banking on Lester Piggott's undisputed strength in waking up this lazy colt rather than anything that he has achieved so far.

Yesterday our Irish racing correspondent went even further when he said that Junius's form does not stand up to scrutiny and that it would be a bad Middle Park if he were to win it. In the circumstances, I will not be surprised if Junius is beaten by both King of Spain and Main Reef and probably by Stanford as well.

Main Reef and King of Spain were the first to finish in the Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury last month. On that occasion, Main Reef won by two lengths, but he was disqualified subsequently, and relegated to second place because he badly hampered King of Spain a furlong from the finish. Opinions are still divided about what would have happened if there had not been interference and that adds extra spice to today's race.

Joe Mercer was adamant afterwards that Main Reef would have won regardless and there are many who agree with him. Paul Cook, however, was equally insistent that King of Spain would have won if he had had a clear and uninterrupted run. Having seen the camera patrol film of the race, taken from head on, I am inclined to agree with him. King of Spain was stopped in his tracks just when he was beginning his run, and it was a miracle that he even finished second.

King of Spain will take the eye in the paddock and so will Stanford who will be trying to become only the fourth horse to win the Gimcrack Stakes and the Middle Park Stakes in the last 20 years. Stanford's only defeat in three outings was on the July course here at Newmarket where he was beaten five lengths by Main Ree

Stanford ran much too free for his own good that day and regard Eddery's riding of hi afterwards at York as being o of the most brilliant displays jockeyship seen this season. Wi Eddery currently suspended, t ride on Stanford this afterno has gone to Carson who is alrea poised to take his crown.

Whichever way you look things, Young Generation shou run well and better. I fancy, th when he finished only fourth the Mill Reef Stakes. He is gross horse and I had the feeli that he might have needed th race at Newbury after finishi third to Irish River and Pita in the Prix Morny.

Judged on that performan Young Generation is a good to finish in the first three t afternoon, but I still pre Stanford. The presence of Lig ning Label in today's field give the handicapper, and ma more besides, an invaluable on RB Chesne. He was runner to RB Chesne at Newbury earli having won his previous races Nottingham and Newcastle.

In the 2.30 the going will Totowah on whom Cook sh when he won the Ebor. At N bury, the thought occurred Monkey Corners had been rid somewhat injudiciously by H in the Autumn Cup, but he has no chance of beating Gregor in the 4.40 if one c a mind back to York and to Melrose Stakes in particular. Gregor will be meeting Mon Corners on 4 lb better terms at York, although he finis three lengths in front of there. Furthermore, Sir Gre was badly in need of that ra

STATE OF GOING (official): N market: Good to firm. Ludlow: F Taunton: Hard. Lingfield Park morrow): Firm to hard. Haydock (tomorrow): Good. Wincanton morrow): Hard.

Five for Lahore

Karachi, Oct 4.—Engl Spain, Australia, New Zealand Pakistan will participate in Champions Cup hockey comp tion in Lahore from Novem 17 to 24. The spokesman said door was still open for Indi enter.—Reuter.

Watson leads list

Washington, Oct 4.—F Oosterhuis, with $50,005, 64th place in the latest Un States golf tour earnings. Watson heads the list $362,429, which betters the vious record for a season—Joh Miller's $353,021 four years ag

Bloodstock sales

Takings at Newmarket sales pass half-million guineas

Takings at this week's Newmarket October Yearling Sales passed the half-million guineas mark when business continued at Park Paddocks yesterday. Within minutes of the resumption, the previous day's top price of 20,000 guineas was matched by the local trainer, Michael Stoute. The master of Beech Hurst stables had a keen tussle with Brian Swift for a March-foaled Busted colt.

Stoute's latest acquisition is the first foal of the Right Tack mare Coming About, who won twice as a two-year-old in 1974. he previous day Stoute took delivery of a 15,500 guineas St Paddy filly out of Il Padrone.

Shortly before the close of the morning session the Dublin agent Jack Doyle s-tepped in with another 20,000 guineas bid to secure the Kingswood Stud's High op yearling colt out of triple scorer Luscinia. hTe mare produced the successful 1977 three-year-old Lily rotter. The High Top colt goes into training, like so man yof Doyle's purchases, with Ryan Price at Findon.

A daughter of Brigadier Gerard, sire of R. B. Chesne and Leonardo da Vinci, brought a bid of 10,000 guineas to become the third five-figure yearling of the morning. A half-sister to Henry Cecil's 1977 two-year-old scorer His Lordship, the filly was purchased by a patron of Clive Brittain's yard.

Double success for Cook and Waldron

Hang-on Elvis continued to defy both the opposition and the handicapper when making it five wins in a row at Brighton yesterday. The Newmarket trained three-year-old, ridden for the first time by Paul Cook, landed the Telscombe Handicap by two lengths from Marakas and could be back at Brighton to try for a sixth victory under a 4 lb penalty in the Saltdean Handicap next Tuesday. Hang-on Elvis has won four times at Brighton, including an early season victory when trained by Derek Kent.

Cook always had Hang-on Elvis close up and rode his mount smoothly on the outside to lead Marakas inside the final furlong. That was the eightieth winner of the season for Cook, who was successful earlier in a selling race on Supreme Appeal. "I've got three to go to equal my best score", Cook said. Cook has experienced plenty of ups and downs since his first winner 15 years ago. Twice champion apprentice, Cook obtained a top job with the late Sir Jack Jarvis but afterwards his career slumped and hit a new low in 1970 with only nine winners.

Also completing a double was Philip Waldron, successful on Goblin and Sweet Relief. Goblin, trained by Bill Wightman for the playwright William Douglas-Home, finished tenth to Shirley Heights in the Epsom Derby but yesterday was winning for the first time since a victory at Newmarket last year. The colt was odds on for the Steine Stakes, led two furlongs out and drew clear for an easy six-length win.

Another of yesterday's Brighton winners who had previously been unsuccessful against top class opposition was Sander's Lad. The Amber Rama colt won first time out at Windsor and had since run well without winning.

Sweet Relief put the Pulborough trainer, Guy Harwood, four short of his previous best score of 50 when holding on well to win the Kemp Town Stakes. The filly, following up a recent Windsor win, may now go to the stud of her owner-breeder, Sybil Beatty, at Billingshurst, where a previous Derby winner, Morston, stands.

The most valuable event of the afternoon was the Eric Simms Memorial Handicap. This produced a close finish with Albert Hall, trained by Ron Boss and ridden by Alan Bond resisting the challenge of Harwood's Burma Pink to win by a head.

The stewards held an inquiry after the selling race. They disqualified Doughty from second place and the horse's jockey, Alan Cousins, was severely cautioned for careless riding.

Jellaby's form indicates clearcut victory

From Desmond Stoneham
French Racing Correspondent

Paris, Oct 4

Jellaby is a confident selection to win tomorrow's La Coupe de Maisons-Laffitte, which is run over a straight 10 furlongs. Mr Gerald Oldham's Pevero should also perform well as should Rusticaro, Mirainvilliers and Rip Off but the other English-trained visitor, Don, will distinguish himself by finishing in the frame.

Last November, Jellaby dominated a useful field to win the Prix Perth at St-Cloud. This season Jellaby fell in the Lockinge Stakes at Newbury when in a clear lead. Don took advantage of the accident and went on to land the event by two lengths from Camden Town.

Since that incident, Jellaby has finished third to Cosmopolitan and Smoggy over eight of tomorrow's 10 furlongs in the Prix Messidor, ran an excellent third to Hawaiian Sound and Gunner B in the Benson and Hedges Gold Cup and, most recently, cruised home from Malecite in the Doonside Cup at Ayr.

Pevero was thought to be a classic prospect after his distinguished two-year-old career, but the colt has had an unlucky season. Francois Boutin considers that Pevero might have been frightened of racing since an incident in the Prix Greffulhe last April. In the race he was nearly killed by a hastily retreating pacemaker.

The following month Pevero ran fifth in the mud behind Frere Basile in the Prix Hocquart and, in June, was fifth again to Acamas and Frere Basile in the Prix du Jockey Club. Pevero then ran sixth to Gay Mecene in the Prix Eugene Adam but put up a much better performance in the Prix du Prince d'Orange on September Here the colt finished (beaten by just over two an half lengths) to last Sunday's de Triomphe winner, Alleged.

Rusticaro followed his sec in the Prix Eugene Adam wi third behind Crimson Beau Tarek in the Prix de la Côte N mande. Richard Carver has raced Rusticaro since Augus the colt needs soft ground. Mira villiers is another whose cha will have improved with the rec rain.

The six-year-old's best perfor ances this year were a second Faraway Times in the Prix C manderie and a third behind F way Times and Sanedtki in Prix du Muguet. Rip Off has appointed in the Grand Prix Pr Rose at Ostend since the Dollar where he ran fourt Trillion. Carwhite and seigneur.

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2.15 SHROPSHIRE HURDLE (Div I: Novices: 3-y-o: £375: 2m 1f 90yd)

p01 Combiast, 11-3 .. S. Morshead
040 Flairs Boy, 10-7 .... S. Holland
Fool 'Em, 10-7 .. A. Webb 4
Great Expectations, 10-7 M. Floyd
433 Orange Hayes, 10-7 C. Astbury
r00 Robins Chance, 10-7 R. F. Davies
4 Sable Pieces, 10-7 .. R. Wilding
300 Techmatic, 10-7 .. J. Suthern
2-1 Combiast, 3-1 Orange Hayes, 9-2 Sable Pieces, 6-1 Great Expectations, 8-1 Flairs Boy, 12-1 others.

2.45 INVERSHIN CHASE (Handicap: £903: 2m)

011- Party Line, 9-12-7 R. R. Evans
321- Numbed Engaged, 10-12-6 Mr Shilston 7
Well Oiled, 11-11-9 M. Floyd
132 Calculator, 8-11-8 .. Mr Isgar
Esello, 11-10-4 .... S. Partyn
5-2 Number Engaged, 11-4 Party Line, 7-2 Calculator, 4-1 Well Oiled, 6-1 Eselle.

3.15 BUTTS HURDLE (Handicap: £1,061: 2m 1f 90yd)

4-31 Highland-Orchid, 6-11-4 M. Floyd
404 Saucy Dove, 6-11-3 .. C. Price
01-3 Flameproof, 5-11-0 K. Whyte 4
23-2 Gay Man, 6-10-2 .. P. Leach
00f Cariquest, 6-10-0 S. Moorshead
p24- The Lurcher, 13-10-0 W. Morris 7
9-4 Flameproof, 5-2 Highland-Orchid, 100-30 Saucy Dove, 7-1 Gay Man, 10-1 Cariquest, 14-1 The Lurcher.

3.45 ASHFORD CHASE (Novices: 5-y-o: £491: 2m)

0fu Easter Monarch, 11-7 R. Mann
General Disaster, 11-7 K. Gray
Gillian Rosemary, 11-7 C. Jones
0p2 Nikancy, 11-7 M. Brisbourne 4
1-1 Nikancy, 7-2 Gillian Rosemary, 20-1 General Disaster, Easter Monarch.

4.15 DOWNTON CHASE (Amateur Handicap: £1,017: 3m)

11-1 Three Gems, 7-11-8 Mr Saunders
31- Hafiz, 7-10-7 .. Mr Llewellyn 7
ppp- March Flight, 9-10-0 Mr Walter 7
p-00 Widden Hill, 13-10-0 Mr Pritchard 7
f0-0 Last Trick, 10-10-0 Mr Webb 7
2-5 Three Gems, 5-1 Hafiz, 10-1 March Flight, 14-1 others.

4.45 SHROPSHIRE HURDLE (Div II: Novices: 3-y-o: £374: 2m 1f 90yd)

Aparicio, 10-7 ...... J. Burke
0 Barnace, 10-7 .. R. F. Davies
0 Green Diamond, 10-7 S. Jobar
Jaisingh, 10-7 .. Mr Jackson 7
p Laura-May, 10-7 .... F. Morris
f Rosay Mirage, 10-7 K. Foster 7
Sale 'n' Sound, 10-7 S. Holland
Solntulla Boy, 10-7 Mr Roulbrooke 7
000 Stretton Queen, 10-7 R. Wilding
11-4 Sale 'n' Sound, 3-1 Aparicio, 4-1 Laura-May, 11-2 Jaisingh, 8-1 Green Diamond, 12-1 others.

LUDLOW SELECTIONS: 2.15 Combiast. 2.45 Number Engaged. 3.15 Flameproof. 3.45 Nikancy. 4.15 Three Gems. 4.45 Aparicio.

CESAREWITCH: Second acceptors: Caporello, Hards Brinker, Majestic Maharal, Hard Attack, The Tista, MacKelly, Knighthood, Mallnalo, Centurion, Le Soleil, Ladbrokes Leisure, Nation Wide, Little Nugget, Piccadilly Line, Albion Prince, Gominiani, American, Poparo, Snow Star, Enilogue, Man Alive, Georgian Girl, Almeudo, Kerkorian, Mill Street, Good Prospect, Royal Orbit, Sir Gregor, Swoop Up, Naval Victory, and Mon's Beau.

CHAMPION STAKES: First acceptors: Admirals Launch, Alleged, Bilal, Camden Town, Cistus, Conte Santi, Crimson Beau, Dancing Maid, Fordham, Gay Mecene, Gunner B, Hawaiian Sound, I Will Follow, Jellaby, Julio Mariner, Leonardo da Vinci, Monseigneur, Pevero, Pyjama Hunt, Remainder Man, Roland Gardens, Sexton Blake, Swiss Maid, Tempus Fugit, Turville, Welsh Dance.

Taunton NH

2.15 AUTUMN NOVICES' CHASE (£888: 2m)

04f Faint Hope, 7-11-13 Mr Darlington 7
030- Ferry Point, 8-11-12 .. J. King
00-5 *Micglibid, 8-11-12 P. Haynes
p0f- Opt Out, 7-11-12 .. M. Barrett 4
2-12 Straight Thorn, 10-11-12 J. Williams
00-3 *Micglibid, 8-11-12 .. P Haynes
2-5 Straight Thorn, 5-1 Faint Hope, Ferry Point, 16-1 Opt Out.
*Doubtful runner

2.45 WATCHET NOVICES' HURDLE (£392: 2m)

00u Compton Pipedream, 7-10-13 A. Turnell
0 Court God, 6-10-12 G. Williams 7
000- Kings Carol, 6-10-12 J. Williams
p3-0 Lush Fall, 5-10-12 Mr Broomfield 7
0-0 Miss Bonner, 5-10-12 P. Haynes
00-2 Service Charge, 5-10-12 Mr Wilson
00-0 Swallow Catcher, 5-10-12 M. Barrett 4
0-04 Tipple, 10-10-12 ...... S. May
p-03 Westgate Falcon, 7-10-12 R. Gardiner 7
f0 Miss Gold, 4-10-7 .. Mr Heasman
00-f Ock Brook, 4-10-7 .. H. Evans
7-4 Service Charge, 11-4 Tipple, 7-2 Westgate Falcon, 6-1 Ock Brook, 10-1 Lush Fall, 14-1 Miss Gold, 20-1 others.

3.15 WELLINGTON HURDLE (Handicap: £1,073: 2m 3f)

00f- Waltzer, 7-11-13 M. Ayliffe 7
111 Charlton Fox, 4-11-3 J. Butchard 4
300 Cantile, 12-10-13 Lorna Vincent 7
131 Fonny Boy, 4-10-11 Jackie Thorne
0-33 King's Hazard, 6-10-0 M. Barrett 4
210 Two Mile House, 7-10-0 N. Tinkler
434 Shoot The Lights, 7-10-0 Rosemary Vickery 7
04f Balustrade, 5-10-0 J. Williams
Evens Charlton Fox, 3-1 Fenny Boy, 9-2 King's Hazard, 8-1 Waltzer, 10-1 Cantile, 20-1 others.

3.45 OCTOBER CHASE (Handicap: £1,198: 3m 1f)

113 Low Profile, 7-12-7 .. N. Tinkler
-313 Nicholas Nickleby II, 10-10-9 H. Evans
0-32 Current Thoughts, 12-10-0 L. Williams
20-0 Curraghglass, 7-10-0 M. Barrett 4
5-4 Low Profile, 9-4 Current Thoughts, 9-2 Nicholas Nickleby II, 20-1 Curraghglass.

4.15 JUVENILE NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I: 3-y-o: £623: 2m)

0 Birthday Wish, 11-0 S. Smith-Eccles
Eastleigh Manor, 11-0 .. —
Quantock Abbott, 11-0 M. Barrett 4
244 Roehad, 11-0 .... R. Linley
000 Twilight Reward, 11-0 C. Sleeman 7
00 Young England, 11-0 .. S. May
11-8 Roehad, 7-2 Quantock Abbott, 5-1 Eastleigh Manor, 6-1 Birthday Wish, 10-1 Young England, 20-1 Twilight Reward.

4.45 JUVENILE NOVICES' HURDLE (Div 2: 3-y-o: £628: 2m)

132 Splendid Again, 11-7 B. Reilly 7
Chinnam Wood, 11-0 S. Smith-Eccles
330 Court Gold, 11-0 .. P. Barton
0 Double-Header, 11-0 .. G. Old
Esterlina, 11-0 .. M. Williams 7
Little Sir, 11-0 .. Sir H. Davies 1
Marcus Hook, 11-0 .. G. Brown
Misty Chime, 11-0 .. R. Linley
Swallow's Gift, 11-0 J. Barlow
1-1 Splendid Again, 5-1 Court Gold, 6-1 Misty Chime, 10-1 Marcus Hook, 12-1 Double Header, 20-1 others.
*Doubtful runner.

TAUNTON SELECTIONS: 2.15 Straight Thorn. 2.45 Service Charge. 3.15 Charlton Fox. 3.45 Low Profile. 4.15 Roehad. 4.45 Splendid Again.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Futurity Stakes. Doncaster: Never Wonder. Lauragh, Noble Queen, Prince Mississippi, Gods Mark, Tribal Warlord, Arab Merchant, Antrim, Lorrin, Monrimil, Five Stars Final, Hypersonic, Zacutero, Crested Lark, Summons, Bouctouch, Ballybannon, Little Mohr, Styllen Run, and Main Bout, Vernon Sprint: Cup, Haydock Park: Native Berry. All engagements (dead): Quetzalcoatl, Fearless Lad, Coagulation, King Penny.

Newmarket programme

[Television (IBA): 3.0 and 3.35 races]

2.0 BUCKENHAM STAKES (2-y-o: £1,878: 6f)

1 00000 Galligaskins, W. Musson, 8-11 .... S. Hill 12
4 000044 Johnamas, R. Hannon, 8-11 .... L. Piggott 13
5 00202 Lukoshko, P. Haslam, 8-11 .... C. Leonard 11
6 0000 Mad Philip, W. Marshall, 8-11 .... R. Marshall 3
7 0000 Our Birthday, P. Mitchell, 8-11 .... G. Starkey 8
8 000 Prince of Arabia, J. Nelson, 8-11 .... J. Mercer 16
9 00 Sir Carl, W. Marshall, 8-11 .... P. Perkins 6
11 0400 Cham-Do, P. Rohan, 8-8 .... C. Dwyer 7
12 000 Damsnob, D. Weeden, 8-8 .... P. Young 14
13 0000 Greasby Girl, P. Haslam, 8-8 .... A. Gibson 15
15 0004 Midnight Dancer, C. Hill, 8-8 .... R. Curant 1
16 Mirabello, R. Boss, 8-8 .... B. Raymond 10
17 042d20 Miss Merlin, P. Haslam, 8-8 .... B. Jago 3
18 00000 Only a Whim (B), T. Molony, 8-8 .... M. Thomas 9
20 00 Singing Tudor, E. Reavey, 8-8 .... G. Ramshaw 2
21 0040 What a Lass, C. Benstead, 8-8 .... B. Rouse 4

7-2 Johnamas, 9-2 Miss Merlin, 6-1 Cham-Do, 7-1 Prince of Arabia, 8-1 Midnight Dancer, 10-1 Lukoshko, 12-1 Mirabello, What a Lass, Our Birthday, 20-1 others.

2.30 SOUTHFIELD HANDICAP (£3,007: 1m 4f)

202 212300 Privy Consort (D), J. W. Watts, 4-9-15 .... J. Lowe 4
204 0-43131 Totowah (D), M. Jarvis, 4-9-8 .... P. Cook 7
206 320132 Junella (D), T. Waugh, 4-9-1 .... E. Hide 5
207 212014 Bewick (D), J. Dunlop, 5-8-11 .... G. Starkey 6
208 412211 Eastern Spring (D), L. Cumani, 4-8-10 .... L. Piggott 3
209 102200 Hauser (B,D), W. Hern, 4-8-8 .... W. Carson 8
210 033120 High Adventure (B), J. Hindley, 3-8-6 .... A. Kimberley 5
211 040030 Georgian Girl, R. Smyth, 4-8-5 .... I. Jenkinson 1

7-4 Totowah, 3-1 Eastern Spring, 9-2 Bewick, 7-1 Privy Consort, 10-1 Junella, 12-1 Hauser, 16-1 others.

3.0 BLOODSTOCK AND GENERAL INSURANCE HANDICAP (2-y-o: £3,490: 5f)

301 21110 Go Total (D), R. Boss, 9-7 .... L. Piggott 9
302 002100 Sindys Flame (B,D), K. Ivory, 9-4 .... G. Duffield 3
303 11 Valeriga (D), L. Cumani, 9-4 .... G. Starkey 17
304 404001 Crest of Gold (D), W. O'Gorman, 9-0 .... S. Young 15
305 100 Winter Wind (D), R. Armstrong, 8-13 .... M. Miller 8
307 013000 Footslie (D), W. Marshall, 8-10 .... R. Marshall 16
308 012241 Celtic Halo (D), A. Jarvis, 8-10 .... P. Cook 10
309 10 Singing Clover (D), P. Cole, 8-9 .... G. Baxter 13
311 440040 Don Drake, D. Thom, 8-6 .... A. Bond 6
314 003000 Tigertamer, R. Hollinshead, 8-4 .... M. Wigham 7
315 241130 Dragonite Prince (D), N. Callaghan, 8-4 .... B. Raymond 10
316 4001 Bucco Bay (D), R. Hannon, 8-4 .... B. Rouse 5
318 00421 Strictly Swing (D), J. Sutcliffe, 8-2 .... W. Carson 4
320 042422 Haywood Hardy (B), R. Jarvis, 8-2 .... M. Thomas 2
331 1340 Blessingtonia (D), A. Ingham, 8-1 .... J. Lynch 1
333 1040 Kantado, P. Rohan, 7-13 .... — 12
335 002000 Rambore Books, P. Haslam, 7-7 .... D. McKeown 14

15-8 Valeriga, 9-2 Winter Wind, 6-1 Go Total, Singing Clover, 8-1 Dragonite Prince, 10-1 Strictly Swing, 12-1 Crest of Gold, Bucco Bay, 20-1 others.

3.35 WILLIAM HILL-MIDDLE PARK STAKES (Group I: 2-y-o: £29,930: 6f)

401 211220 Blue Refrain, C. Benstead, 9-0 .... B. Rouse 9
402 000102 Crews Hill (D), C. Brittain, 9-0 .... — 4
403 023401 Foveros (D), C. Brittain, 9-0 .... E. Hide 3
404 310 Jeroboam (D), H. Wragg, 9-0 .... E. Johnson 10
405 211 Junius (D), V. O'Brien, 9-0 .... L. Piggott 1
406 01111 King of Spain (D), P. Cundell, 9-0 .... P. Cook 6
407 112 Lightning Label (D), P. Kelleway, 9-0 .... — 8
408 1110 Main Reef (D), H. Cecil, 9-0 .... J. Mercer 2
409 101 Stanford (D), N. Callaghan, 9-0 .... W. Carson 5
410 321134 Young Generation (D), G. Harwood, 9-0 .... G. Starkey 7

9-4 Stanford, 3-1 Main Reef, 100-30 Junius, 6-1 King of Spain, 7-1 Young Generation, 16-1 Jeroboam, 20-1 Lightning Label, 33-1 others.

4.10 ALINGTON STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £2,827: 6f)

501 00 Alezzona, M. E. Francis, 8-11 .... T. Cain 4
502 Alpine Meadow, M. Stoute, 8-11 .... G. Starkey 14
503 000 Another Match, R. Jarvis, 8-11 .... M. Thomas 23
504 Barca Dorata, A. Hide, 8-11 .... — 3
505 Be My Sweet, H. Cecil, 8-11 .... J. Mercer 13
506 04 Carrington, P. Makin, 8-11 .... G. Baxter 28
507 Clooney, G. P.-Gordon, 8-11 .... M. Rimmer 27
508 Comfrey, H. Candy, 8-11 .... R. Curant 22
509 Coyote, J. Winter, 8-11 .... W. Carson 5
510 0 English Visit, B. Hills, 8-11 .... E. Johnson 11
511 Finezza, L. Cumani, 8-11 .... L. Piggott 17
512 0000 Fontessa, P. Kelleway, 8-11 .... R. Cade 8
513 32324 Girls Division, R. Houghton, 8-11 .... J. Reid 6
514 0 Heaven Chosen, H. Candy, 8-11 .... P. Waldron 21
516 Kellyana, J. Winter, 8-11 .... J. Lowe 12
517 Lady Sallnia, M. Stoute, 8-11 .... F. Durr 26
518 Miss Sprat, J. Winter, 8-11 .... A. Kimberley 1
520 Mozart Quilter, N. Callaghan, 8-11 .... — 20
521 One Nicer, B. Hobbs, 8-11 .... J. Lynch 3
528 Sandford Beauty, G. P.-Gordon, 8-11 .... G. Duffield 9
529 Sarus, W. H.-Bass, 8-11 .... A. Bond 16
530 0 Singing Lease, E. Reavey, 8-11 .... — 18
531 04 Sky Grove, C. Brittain, 8-11 .... E. Hide 21
532 Spring Clump, J. Tree, 8-11 .... B. Raymond 25
533 Statuesque, C. Brittain, 8-11 .... P. Cook 7
534 Sunysea, M. Jarvis, 8-11 .... B. Raymond 19
535 Wesscam, J. Dunlop, 8-11 .... R. Muddle 10
536 0000 Wheatley, D. Thom, 8-11 .... A. Cousins 17

4-1 Lady Sallnia, 6-1 Be My Sweet, 7-1 Finezza, 8-1 Heavenly Chosen, English Visit, 10-1 One Nicer, Sky Grove, 12-1 Girls Division, Sunysea, Wesscam, 16-1 Spring Clump, 20-1 others.

4.40 STAVERS' THREE-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP (£3,194: 2m)

603 327131 Knighthood (D), T. Waugh, 9-7 .... E. Hide 7
603 100423 Ancient Briton (B), G. P.-Gordon, 9-4 .... L. Piggott 6
604 132013 Monkey Corners (D), J. Dunlop, 9-2 .... W. Carson 1
605 202110 Palm Island (D), M. Stoute, 9-0 .... F. Durr 5
606 100000 Kandos (B,D), R. Armstrong, 8-9 .... J. Reid 8
610 102110 Sir Gregor (D), B. Hanbury, 8-6 .... P. Cook 9
613 040230 Mon's Beau, R. Reeson, 7-13 .... S. Salmon 4
616 30004 Roynion, C. Benstead, 7-7 .... R. Street 3
618 032421 Jerson (B,D), N. Callaghan, 7-7 .... R. Still 2

9-4 Monkey Corners, 11-4 Knighthood, 4-1 Sir Gregor, 6-1 Palm Island, 8-1 Ancient Briton, 12-1 Jerson, Mon's Beau, 25-1 others.

Newmarket selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.0 Cham-do. 2.30 Tutowah. 3.0 Valeriga. 3.35 Stanford. 4.10 Coyote. 4.40 SIR GREGOR is specially recommended.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Miss Merlin. 2.30 Eastern Spring. 3.0 Valeriga. 3.35 Main Reef. 4.10 Be My Sweet. 4.40 Sir Gregor.

Newmarket results

2.0 (2.3) LONSDALE STAKES (2-y-o: £1,959: 7f)

Thatling, b f, by Saulingo—Moth (J. Ellis), 8-8 C. Eccleston (11-1) 1
Magic Kit .... W. Carson (10-1) 2
Jubilee Saint .... M. Birch (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Galaxy Taurus, 4-1 Tahani, 13-2 Ridoro, 10-1 Holme Birbeck, 12-1 As Wise (4th), 14-1 Great Fonzeroli, 16-1 China Station, Worlington, 20-1 Three Sons, 25-1 Play Packer, 33-1 Diamond Ray, The Stirror, Beckingale, Fort Lonesome, Honeful Hylda, Paronnas, Time for Smiles, Toller Rose, West Mon. 22 ran.

TOTE: Win, 80p; places, 23p, 27p, 66p; dual forecast, £10.62. T. Fairhurst, at Middleham. ½l, ¾l. 1min 26.80sec. Woodcote Park did not run. The winner sold to Mr Geoffrey Hubbard for 2,900 guineas.

2.30 (2.31) PHANTOM HOUSE HANDICAP (£3,473: 6f)

Cedar Grange, b c, by Mansingh—Evendo (D. Hamilton), 3-8-1 J. Reid (15-1) 1
Classy Dame .. A. Mercer (16-1) 2
Springy .. M. L. Thomas (5-1 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 8-1 Pitley Green, 17-2 Jimmy the Singer, 9-1 Shuffling, 10-1 Saltation, 11-1 Future Forest, Nice Value, 12-1 Right of Light, Doctor Wall (4th), 14-1 Overseas Admirer, Private Line, Swinging Sam, 16-1 Smoke Singer, 20-1 Fast Colour, 25-1 Jon George, Skin Deep, School Road, Pangbma. 20 ran.

TOTE: Win, 22.29; places, 30p, 41p, 14p, 30p; dual forecast, £15.84. C. Bewicke at Didcot. Hd, ½l. 1min 11.48sec.

3.0 (3.4) QUY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Maiden 3-y-o fillies: £1,732: 1¼m)

Pagan Queen, b f, by Vaguely Noble—No Relation (Sir P. Oppenheimer), 8-11 .. J. Mercer (5-1) 1
Takarabune .. B. Raymond (14-1) 2
Malmaison ... W. Carson (5-2 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 8-1 Spring Up, 15-2 Kelly's Corner, 14-1 Almagest, Carte Princesse, Hallowkiln, 25-1 Katitza, 33-1 Calling Low, Great Opunist (4th), Miss Jovien, Mrs Dumbfounded, Never Lost. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, 38p; places, 15p, 30p, 16p; dual forecast, £3.94. H. Wragg, at Newmarket. 1½l, hd. 2m 35.55sec.

3.35 (3.36) CHEVELEY PARK STAKES (Group 1: 2-y-o fillies: £31,160: 6f)

Devon Ditty, ch f, Song—Devon Night (Sir E. McAlpine), 8-11 G. Starkey (11-8 fav) 1
Kilijaro .... W. Swinburn (85-40) 2
Do Be Daring .. L. Piggott (15-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 8-1 Silver Glimpse, 16-1 Penny Blessing (4th), 100-1 Argentina Bound, Mi Favorita. 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 11p, 25p; dual forecast, 23p. H. Thomson-Jones, at Newmarket. Nk, 2l. 1min 12.08sec. Shy Talk and Topsy did not run.

4.10 (4.13) DRY CANE HANDICAP (2-y-o: £5,610: 1m)

Baptism, ch c, by Northfields—Bap (J. Whitney), 8-13 L. Piggott (15-3) 1
Bras Lass .. J. Bleasdale (20-1) 2
Dibbinsdale Lad E. Apter (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Admiral Grenville, 10-1 Barley Hill, Boys Division, 12-1 Sound Type, 14-1 Northend, Show Appeal, Top of the Charts, 16-1 Birch Grove, 20-1 Leo Vert, Mansion Marauder, Arizona Pie (4th), Mrs Demean, Red Jay, Ribgnill, 25-1 Rabha, 33-1 Cherinkaya, Prince Helen, Phobia, Charig's Company. 22 ran.

TOTE: Win, 42p; places, 14p, 31p, 42p, 40p; dual forecast, £9.70. J. Tree, at Marlborough. 5l, 1½l. 1min 37.85sec. Queens Holt did not run.

4.40 (4.42) EXNING HANDICAP (3-y-o: £5,184: 1½m)

Palemon, b c, by Busted—Seaswan (Lady Beaverbrook), 10-0 B. Raymond (8-1) 1
Chop Gate .. S. Raymont (10-1) 2
Parrot Fashion G. Starkey (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Heroic, 7-2 Tesoro Mio, 13-2 Kalimir, 11-1 Golhill, 16-1 Haddfan, Irish Night, Top of the Class, 20-1 Tumbler (4th). 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.16; places, 35p, 28p, 17p; dual forecast, £6.21. M. Jarvis, at Newmarket. 5l, nk. 2min 04.71sec.

TOTE DOUBLE: Pagan Queen and Baptism, £15.60. TREBLE: Cedar Grange, Devon Ditty and Palemon, £219.05. JACKPOT: Not won. Pool carried forward to today, £1,562. PLACEPOT: £49.35.

Brighton

1.45 (1.48) WATERHALL HANC (£727: 1m)

Supreme Appeal, b g, by Cor Captive—Primrose (G. Tresnc 5-8-1 .... P. Cook (6
Sliari .... P. O'Leary (7
Roma .... B. Jago (25

ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Suceds W 6-2 Winged Typhoon, 5-1 Len Ear (4th), Red Fox, 11-1 Culler Ginger Ken, Where's Henry 11

TOTE: Win, 54p; places, 16p, £1.16; dual forecast, £6.36 Nelson, at Upper Lambourn. 1min 37.87sec.

Doughty (15-2) came in secon after a stewards inquiry wa qualified and placed last. Dawn did not run. The winner wa for 800gns.

2.15 (2.17) RACE HILL S (2-y-o: £1,503: 6f)

Sander's Lad, b c by Amber Ra —High Ransom (W. T. Clou Ltd), 9-5 .... G. Baxter (1
Slandaan .... P. Cook (7
La-Don .... J. Matthias (1

ALSO RAN: 20-1 Saintly Pr 33-1 Friendly Trio, Taras. (4th). 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 13p; places, 11p dual forecast 17p. P. Cole, a bourn. 5l, 3l. 1min 11.15sec. Boy did not run.

2.45 (2.48) ERIC SIMMS HAN (£3,817: 7f)

Albert Hall, b c, by High To Silly Symphony (T. Saud A. Bond (1
Burma Pink .. J. Matthias (8
Pipedreamer .. P. Waldron (6

ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Banc Popular Win, 10-1 Hyver Hill Eastern Palace (4th), Eve Gimr Major Rex, Royal River, 25-1 place, Hunan, Another Chaut ran.

TOTE: Win 37p; places, 24, 33p; dual forecast, £5.94. R. B Newmarket. Hd, 2l. 1min

3.15 (3.15) STEINE STAKES (£2,043: 1m 5f)

Goblin, ch c, by Sun Princ Rocille (Fr) (W. Douglas-Ho 3-12 .... P. Waldron (10
Glinting .... B. Taylor (1
Reparation .... J. Lynch (

ALSO RAN: 11-1 Marine da Main Ingredient (4th), 50-1 I Smile. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 27p; Places 11 Dual forecast 25p. W. Wight Upham. 2min 55.95sec. 6l, 2l.

3.45 (3.49) TELSCOMBE HAI (£1,381: 1½m)

Hang-on Elvis, br g, by Right Prairie Princess (Hay 1 donald), 3-8-5 P. Cook (11-10
Marakas .. K. Pinnington (1
Trillionaire .. F. Morby (1

ALSON RAN: 7-1 Figurance, 8-1 Semantic, 12-1 Vaidee R bolano, 33-1 Grand Trianon G F. 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 24p; Places, 18p; dual forecast, 92p. N. Ca at Newmarket. 2min 31.60sec.

4.15 (4.17) KEMP TOWN (£2,255: 6f)

Sweet Relief, ch f, by Revenge—Maiden Erlegh (Mi Beatty), 3-8-10 P. Waldron (7-1
Habibi .... G. Baxter (1
Horace Martin, P. Bradwell (1

ALSO RAN: 9-4 Philserm Lady of the Night, 13-1 Turi Balante and Premier Bal (4th Compound, Curious, Bre Young Amanda. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, 56p; Places, £1.30; Dual forecast, £1.13. wood at Pulborough. 1min 1½l, hd. Rep did not ru

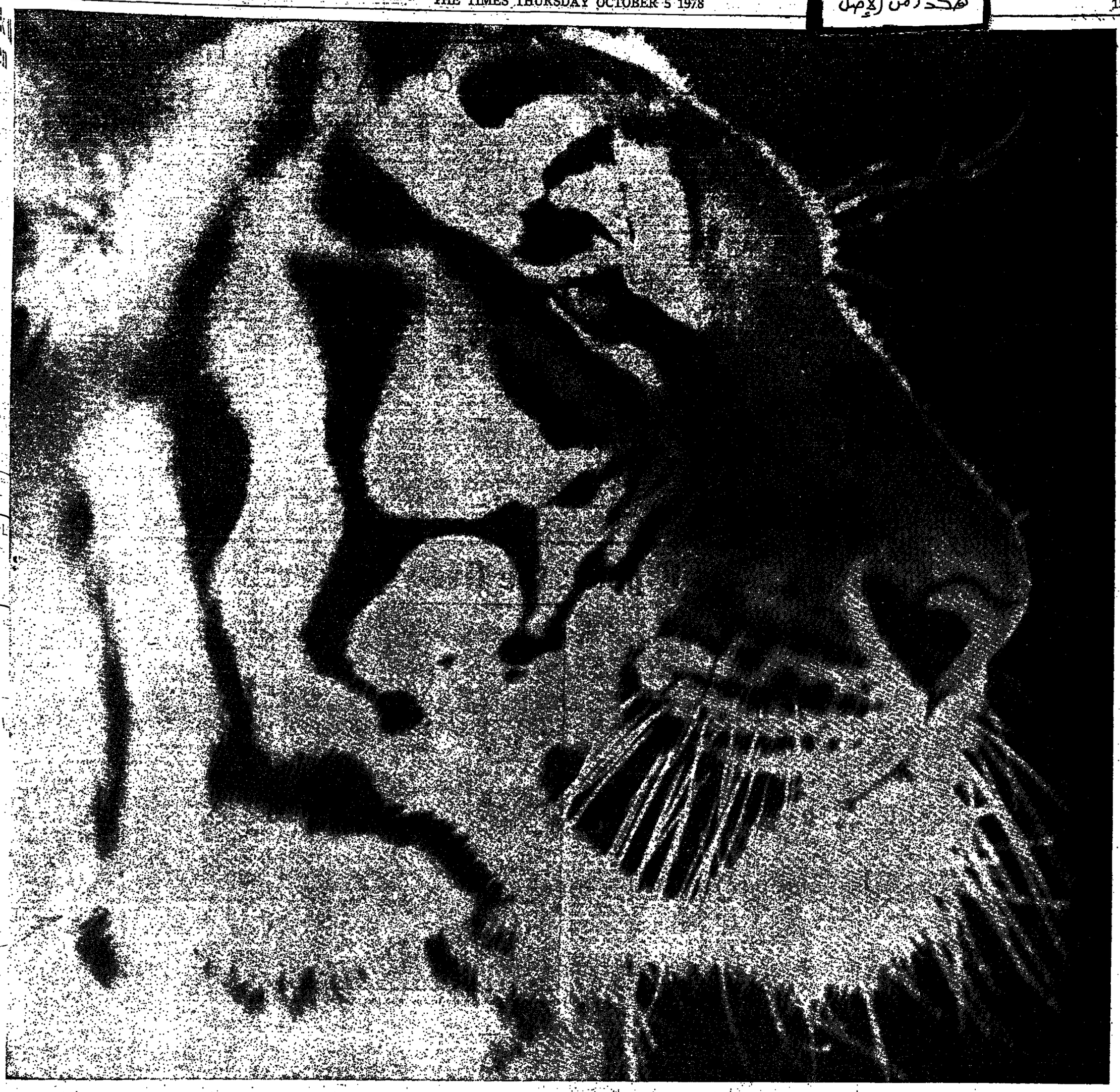
TOTE DOUBLES: Albert H Hang-on Elvis £13.75. Sander's Lad, Goblin and Swe £2.90.

Ludlow NH

2.15: 1, Blakewin (7-4 f Sunlight (7-4 jt fav), 3 Copper (10-1). 7 ran.
2.45: 1, Toussaint (6-4), 2 (4-1), 3, Stanway Lad (11-
3.15: 1, Kelly's Hero (6- Ross Royal (14-1), 3, Free (6-4). 5 ran.
3.45: 1, Yondor (5-4), 2 Imp (11-4), 3, Shandik (5 ran.
4.15: 1, Super Slave (11- Molly Muse (25-1), 3, Field (12-1). 6 ran. Gay Kempley run.
4.45: 1, Sovereigns Jubilee 2, Crest (10-1), 3, Rich L (eveas fav), 9 ran.

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Whose news from the Third World?

Unless a spirit of conciliation unexpectedly intervenes, the Paris headquarters of Unesco will at the end of this month be the setting of a clash between western countries and much of the rest of the world which could seriously affect the future freedom of the press.

Among the issues involved will be the operations in the Third World of the international news agencies, the already dwindling ability of western correspondents to report freely from Asia, Africa and Latin America, and—perhaps more important in the long term—the freedom of local journalists in developing countries to criticize their own governments.

It is ironical that Unesco should be the setting for such a confrontation. Its constitution enjoins it unequivocally to "promote the free flow of ideas by word and image". But those same democracies which have trumpeted the importance of this free flow, among other human rights issues, have tended to treat Unesco with condescension or at best benign neglect. Only a couple of years ago did they realize that it had become a focus for pressures for the legitimization of state control of the media.

The largely unknown history of how this came about is ably recorded in a new book called *Where News*, by Rosemary Righter of *The Sunday Times*, which is published today (Martin Robertson Books and Andre Deutsch, £5.50).

It is well timed: on October 23 Mr Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, the Senegalese director-general of Unesco, will be opening the agency's twentieth conference in Paris. Later he will be presenting a *revised version of the* notorious the West—infamous draft declaration on fundamental principles governing the *contribution of the mass media* to strengthening peace and international understanding and to combating war propaganda, racialism and apartheid.

When the *original Soviet-inspired* draft was put forward at the last conference in Nairobi in 1976, it was interpreted by the West as giving approval to government control of the press and was referred to the next conference, now upon us. The West must strive either to achieve acceptable modifications or to have the declaration withdrawn.

The latest available version contains clauses with menace to human rights and eyes. Among other implicit or explicit threats it would sanction the involvement of the media in counter-propaganda (article III); give governments a full right of reply to most criticism (article IV); threaten the import of western or indeed Soviet publications or news agency material into poorer countries (article V); involve governments in deciding which foreign cries for freedom should be printed in their national press (article X); enlist governments controlling their media to implement the declaration; and promote the drawing up of an international code of conduct for journalists (article XI).

Liberal indignation may be the natural reaction of liberal westerners to these ideas, which have Moscow appreciated—provide common ground for communist and many developing country regimes.

But Miss Righter believes that the West would do well to try to understand the nature of the dissatisfactions and the political and social forces in the Third World which lie behind the mounting pressure for a "new information order".

The main targets are the four big international news agencies: Reuters, the Associated Press, United Press International and Agence France-Presse. Next in the line of fire are the international news magazines, principally *Newsweek* and *Time*, and the western press. Pressures are also building up against the export of television programmes by the industrialized countries, with the fear—strong in Moscow—that direct broadcasting via satellite may be impossible to control.

It is not hard to sympathize with many Third World resentments at the dominance of the western media, which is being increased by rapid technological advances; and, in the case of magazines and television, at the spreading of an alien culture and unfulfillable consumer demands.

Past colonial patterns are still present: it takes 48 hours to send a cable via Paris and London from French-speaking Lomé to English-speaking Accra, 150 miles away. The imbalance of resources means that in country after country, four fifths of world news in the national press, and on radio, comes from one or more of the big four agencies. Each has clients in more than 100 countries, and uses several languages. Even *The New York Times* features service goes to 50 countries.

A general accusation is that the news agencies select news which "systematically stresses the phenomena of tension or violence in the countries of the Third World" so these "see their faces reflected from afar in mirrors that deform them", as Mr M'Bow has put it. News is selected on the basis of interest it will arouse in the *industrialized world rather than* the information needs of the Third World.

The West also commits sins of neglect and indifference: a fair point, but the accusation overlooks the cost of maintaining foreign correspondents, and the habit in countries like Nigeria of throwing them out.

The developing countries also want access by their own media, including their growing news agencies, to the world market. They are fed up with being eternally on the receiving end of the ever-swelling, unrelentingly one-way flood of words from the West.

There are good arguments to counter many of these accusations, and Miss Righter goes into them at length. She also makes it clear that the biggest division of all is over the purpose of information in the media.

Should it be regarded as a tool in the service of development, a mobilizing force over which the government must retain full sovereignty, as many developing and all communist countries believe? As Lenin said in a speech in 1920: "Why should freedom of speech be allowed? Why should a government which is doing what it believes to be right allow itself to be criticized? It would not allow opposition by lethal weapons. Ideas are much more fatal than guns."

We in the West regard ideas as life-giving and even life-saving. Many Third World journalists still believe that it is wrong to build a nation on the shaky foundations of controlled propaganda. It is they who need encouragement, not authoritarian governments. Miss Righter's book should help a wider audience to understand the complexities and magnitude of the issues at stake in Paris.

Roger Berthoud

Ronald Butt

How Labour got six of the best

It has, of course, always been a matter of everyday observation that age tends to bring a movement to the right. It was Guizot who said: "Not to be a republican at twenty is proof of want of a heart; to be one at thirty is proof of want of a head". The word "socialist" was substituted in place of "republican" by Clemenceau, and in that shape the aphorism has stuck.

Some of the utterances of the prewar Attlee, and even more the prewar Stafford Cripps, hardly seem possible from the postwar politicians who bore those names. And, of course, we all remember how Sir Harold Wilson rose to influence on the back of the anti-Gaitskellite Labour left and had not been a day in the leadership before letting it be known that he intended to continue with the policies of his predecessor.

Mr Callaghan too has made this kind of Pilgrim's Progress, casting away, as best he could, the crippling burden of dogma as he went along (though safety still obliges him to remain a nominal member of the *Tribune Group*) until he now appears as his party's principal public attraction and a bulwark against the kind of socialism for which Labour's active supporters still clamour, as their conference resolutions this week show.

And what of Mr Wedgwood Benn, who is the most significant Cabinet-rank advocate of rank-and-file socialism? What if he too finally makes the top of the greasy pole?

I mention these indelicate matters only to show that the tendency to progress from left to right with age and responsibility is a historical fact, and is so general as to suggest that it can almost be regarded as a natural human attribute.

In the same way, all politicians in office tend to behave in the same sort of way when confronted with urgent necessities of government, whatever political principles swayed them before they captured the citadel.

The Commissar soon begins to behave like the Tsar, and the democratic socialist may respond not wholly unlike a Tory when confronted with the IMF and the economic facts of life, so far as his party will let him.

The politicians of all parties in a democracy quickly learn from experience the limits of authority, and socialists in particular come to understand what they cannot do without creating more disturbance and unkindness than they are prepared to contemplate.

But what of those who are not active politicians? Is the move to the right with them also no more than a matter of self-interest? Does it simply mean that the young, so long as they are non-possessors, luxuriate in the notion of dispossession in the name of social justice, but when they become possessors cling to what they have? No doubt this is part of it. I do not, myself, share the curious view that the young have a special gift of unselfishness and compassion.

What youth often does have is a special gift of supposing that the pleasure it takes in its own gestures is the measure of their utility to others. It is this innocent and touching but self-indulgent quality that makes some of the more gullible easy prey just now for the sinister pied piping of Mr Peter Hain and his pop performers.

But more broadly, in the making of socialists, youth's anger, youth's compassion and youth's envy are all more limited influences than youth's optimism. It is hard, at the start of life, to accept that humanity is as fundamentally flawed as it is; hard to doubt that what is wrong is largely the work of the selfish folly of the previous generation and the political system.

It is almost unbearable to contemplate the idea that there is no overriding formula by which it can be sweepingly put right. Often it is only experience that teaches a deeper understanding.

So in each generation, the movement from right to left goes on, and since there is nothing intrinsically new about this, it might seem superficially that the present refugees from the left are nothing to make a song and dance about.

Yet there is something about them that calls for special explanation. There is now a consciousness of intellectual validity on the left that has not existed for decades, and the converts are quantitatively and qualitatively of more than usual significance.

What is it, for instance, that persuades so disparate a group as Mr Kingsley Amis (novelist), Mr Paul Johnson (former editor of the socialist *New Statesman*) Mr Reg Prentice and Lord Chalfont (former Labour Ministers), Professor Hugh Thomas (historian and former Labour candidate) and others to *join together in a book called Right Turn** and dedicate it to Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

It is true that they are all very far past 30. Yet is is plainly not hardening of arteries but a clear sense of fear and outrage about the direction Labour is taking which motivates them.

For almost all of them, the reasons are variations of the same basic themes—the capitulation of the Labour Party and the trade unions to the power of the strongest arm, and the manipulation of that arm by Marxist calculation; the contempt for those laws of which the party (or the left) disapproves, as when Labour Ministers defended the Clay Cross councillors; the ease with which members of the so-called legitimate left rub along with Trotskyists and Stalinists; the threat to equality before the law that is arising from the uncompromising doctrine of economic equality.

But what most clearly illuminated for me the essential reason why all these politicians and writers, at the present time, have changed their politics, was the curious counterpoint between the contributions of Mr Paul Johnson, Mr Kingsley Amis and Mr Edward Pearce. For Mr Amis, Labour's essential sin is that it is likely to press on with policies that reduce educational standards, and pull up the ladder by which so many, like Mr Amis himself, rose to success.

"Any human society", he says, "needs an elite". He is, no doubt right—but what sort of elite was it that he really wanted in his unregenerate Socialist days? Something more, I am sure, than one capable of reading good English and writing it.

The answer, I suspect, is to be found in Mr Paul Johnson's brilliant recantation of socialism. What he objects to now are Labour's totalitarian instincts and the fact that equality extinguishes democracy and creates new hierarchies and inequalities.

Mr Edward Pearce condemns the Labour Party because it is no longer a mass party but represents an elite of sour and malicious Marxist activists; Mr Johnson anathematizes it because it is creating an elite which is brutal, and too often above the law: an elite of union officials and bureaucrats. Mr Amis condemns it for not wanting an educated elite (in his sense) at all.

One might say of all of them that they loved the Labour Party only so long as it was the party of unsuccess and have become morally fastidious about it now that it has come to grips with real power. That would be unfair: it would be truer to say of all the refugees from Labour that, like Shaw's de Stogumber in St Joan, they did not know what socialism would be like, and now they have seen with their own eyes.

It is common to all their arguments that the nature of socialism's manipulation of the masses is such that, if it successful, individuals eve where will begin new chains a colder, harder and very different elite from the one t had envisaged; the elite t manages the closed shop, t uses increasing compulsion o the individual and that rat alizes force.

Mr Callaghan himself im cirly recognized this unacce able aspect of socialism in speech to the party conferer He described, for instance, impotence felt by the citizen front of the compulsion of bureaucrat: council house ants, he said, are not there the convenience of the town officials. But what was the c which created the depende of the citizen on the bureauc which is so like that of peasant to his feudal lord (t being a form of protection) was not socialism?

It cannot be entirely ins ficant that so many intelli men who have seen the eff of socialism at close quar think that Labour is no lo a party for the freedom of individual. It is even more nificant when the Labour P Minister implicitly recog the validity of this kind of plaint—whether he is tal about the irresponsible pow competing union groups w can distant society, or the cials in the town hall who so much of the lives of so n of their fellow countrymen

*Right Turn, edited by Pa Cormack published by Coope £3.95 hard-cover paperback.

Yom Kippur: the five-year search for peace

The most solemn date in the Jewish calendar is the 10th day of the month of Tishri, the fast of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. On Yom Kippur, five years ago, on the morning of October 6, 1973, Egypt and Syria launched a concerted military attack on Israel with the declared aim of regaining the territory they had lost in the Six Day War of 1967.

Future historians may well conclude that the 1974 and 1975 disengagement agreements between Egypt and Israel which followed the Yom Kippur War were the progenitors of the astonishing Camp David agreements of 1978. By prevailing on Israel to accept ceasefire line adjustments which would leave Egypt with a token of her early military success, Dr Henry Kissinger could have created the psychological base for President Sadat's peace initiative of last year.

Despite hesitations, recriminations and retreats, that initiative has now led to the most important achievement so far. Egypt's willingness to conclude an honourable peace with Israel even at the risk of standing alone in the Arab world, is proof that President Sadat was not engaging merely in a public relations exercise. It used to be a wry joke among Middle East watchers that several Arab leaders would be quite content for their countries to be the second to make peace with Israel but that none was ready to be the first.

Mr Sadat has broken that log jam and has brought about a fundamental and irreversible change in the political climate of the area and indeed of the world. With the actual signing of a peace treaty, the seemingly impossible will have happened and other ideas and positions dogmatically held as articles of faith are bound in time to be open to question.

One of them is the suspicion of Arabs and their western friends that Israel's concern for security has been a cover for territorial expansion.

In the bilateral agreement with Egypt, Israel will be returning all its gains in the Six Day War; an acceptance in that sector of the Arab demand for a return to the 1967 borders.

Previous Israeli governments had talked of a division of Sinai, the retention of Sharm-el-Sheikh and of a corridor leading to it, the maintenance of some settlements as security safeguards and the retention of Israeli-constructed airfields.

Only Mr Begin has been prepared to give up everything. He has even overruled a majority of the Israeli high command which was opposed, on strong military grounds, to sacrificing the costly and strategically important airfields.

There can be few—if any—historical precedents for a victorious nation relinquishing its war gains in return for the institution of normal peaceful relations between the former belligerents. Certainly the Soviet Union, which has inveighed against the Camp David terms on the ground that the Israeli concessions are inadequate, has never given any indication of applying the principle of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war to its own territorial gains during and as a result of the Second World War.

President Sadat has recently aired the hope that the bilateral peace treaty will be signed on November 19, the first anniversary of his historic visit to Jerusalem. It would constitute a "piece of peace" (to quote Mr Moshe Dayan) which should be welcomed by all men of good will. Yet, sadly, opposition has been expressed to the Camp David frameworks, in this country mainly from left-wing sources, on the ground that it "destabilizes the Middle East"—as though it were stable before—and because it leaves out the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Before the Sadat initiative, when American policy was working towards a revival of the Geneva conference, President Carter made a serious attempt to come to terms with the PLO. It was asked to amend its charter which calls for the destruction of Israel but the PLO explained that it could not do so because of the intolerably divisive debate such a proposal would provoke.

As alternatives, Washington suggested that the PLO issue a statement accepting Israel's right to exist or even, as a minimal gesture, affirming United Nations resolution 242 (which calls for the return of territories and acceptance of Israel). But the PLO did neither.

This encounter led Mr Carter to the conclusion that, by its intransigence, the PLO had excluded itself from any serious and constructive role in the peace process, a judgment he has recently underscored in a comment equating the PLO with the Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan.

For its part, the Arab rejection front, now cosmetically facelifted into the steadfastness front, adheres to the Rabat resolution designating the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people. The front claims that no Middle East settlement can be achieved without PLO participation.

A dent in this implacable front was undoubtedly made when President Sadat bypassed the Rabat decision and his example may well be followed in time by other Arab states.

This does not mean that the PLO is *permanently* excluded from any role. The Camp David framework for the general settlement recognizes "the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people" and repeatedly subscribes to United Nations resolution 242. Egypt, Israel, Jordan and "representatives of the Palestinian people" are named as the parties to the negotiations for the future of the West Bank and Mr Begin has publicly stated that the Palestinian representatives could include PLO members. But America and Egypt, as well as Israel, all bar the PLO as an organization.

Yet the PLO could participate through its substantial following in the West Bank though how much this is owed to the fear of terror and how much to conviction will remain in doubt so long as the PLO relies on the gun.

Camp David could, indeed, give the PLO the opportunity to achieve political respectability and acceptance if it finally resolved to abjure terror and accept Israel's right to exist.

If the Egypt-Israel peace treaty becomes a reality and sticks—and nothing is confidently predictable in the Middle East—it will constitute further evidence that Mr Begin's rhetoric can be divorced from his decisions.

And when Jordan feels sufficiently self-confident to enter the negotiations for a general accord with a full and genuine peace as the intended outcome, the problems of territory and settlements (though undoubtedly more difficult in the West Bank) will prove as surmountable as they were in Sinai agreement.

In the part he plays Camp David, the respons Israel's prime minister, th less spectacular than the I rian president's initiative, been no less flexible accommodating. Neverth it seems impossible for commentators to refrain a Pavlovian reaction to name of Begin by pinning the label of intransigence.

It is becoming apparent assessments of Mr Begin on his controversial pa raising oratory are irrel to his present deeds. He shown that he is capabl bending, recognizing that tical politics must accept validity, indeed the nece of compromise. In his style of close reasoning, Begin rationalizes both fidelity to principle and acceptance of realities. he claims title to the W Bank but adds that an o can still give away his property.

He is a proud man, sen in charges that power eroded his principles. So, the case of the Sinai settle to which he was committe eases himself pragma into a new situation by r ing a decision as based r particular facts and not doctrinal change. He h fact, displayed a flex which has confounded bo supporters and critics.

Mr Begin is said to c one personal ambition wants a place in history to that of his great ant David Ben Gurion, Israel prime minister. Ben created Israel; Begin w bring peace to the state.

On this fifth Yom after the 1973 war, n peace throughout the will be adding their pra those of Mr Begin's gionists in their sym that his ambition will c realized.

William Fr



October 1973: Egyptian troops raise their flag on Bar Lev line.

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LITERARY DIARY

The six lives of Oliver Cromwell

It is not long since The Times was faced with reviewing half a dozen lives of Oliver Cromwell in less than six months. No doubt the biographers were as appalled as the booksellers, librarians and even literary editors to discover that great minds had been thinking alike, not once but six times over. Although six writers will have six different interpretations of their subject, and quote different sections from identical papers, there is a limit to the public's interest even in Cromwell over so short a period.

A warm welcome, therefore, to Books in Progress, a new information service which should prevent such duplication in future. As a register of literary and technical research, it is designed for writers of non-fiction who "wish to find out before embarking on a book or a piece of research if somebody is working on the same subject already".

As Yolanta May, administrator of the new scheme, points out, even worse can occur than a sextet of Cromwells. At least they were published at about the same time. Yet imagine the author who may have been working on a book for three years, needs a couple more for completion, and suddenly discovers that a fellow writer has had a similar inspiration, but his book is being published next month.

Authors who are already launched on a project are asked to register the details with Books in Progress (forms from The National Book League, 7 Albemarle Street, London, W1; no charge is made). Meanwhile authors who are considering a topic can inquire what work is already being done in their particular field (£3 will be charged for each inquiry, although that part of the service will not begin operating until next April).

Authors will not, however, have direct access to the register, as such freedom, it is felt, would lay the scheme open to hacks merely trawling its records for inspiration. That would be little short of theft, even if there is no copyright in ideas.

The scheme has powerful backers. It was devised by the Writers' Guild, is administered by the National Book League, supported by the Arts Council and has the cooperation of the Society of Authors, the Association of Authors' Agents and the Publishers' Association.

But it will not work unless writers register their projects now and in the future. You might say that Books in Progress will be only as good as the information it contains.

Burgeoning Burnetts

A new publishing house *makes its debut today. In the* world of books there is nothing particularly remarkable about that. Dozens of new imprints are launched each year, which keeps to publishing trade on its toes.

How stultifying, therefore, in other industries—car manufacturing, for instance, where it is quite impossible for anyone to contemplate setting up a new General Motors, a Peugeot-Citroën, or even a British Leyland. Yet look at the top twenty British publishers, judged by turnover, and you will find that eight were started only since the end of the Second World War, and two are barely 10 years old.

Today's publishing debut is Burnett Books, whose first list occupies the centre of André Deutsch's autumn catalogue, thereby providing a clue to its identity. Piers Burnett is an editor and director of Deutsch (indeed he will remain so), but the new list is for him an extra-curricular activity, a joint venture with his wife Farrell Burnett, who until she left the United States a couple of years ago was an associate publisher at Basic Books in New York.

The Burnett Books list is specializing in the social, behavioural and natural sciences, an area, they maintain, with a potential barely tapped as yet. Their first two titles, published today, Stephen Jay Gould's *Ever Since Darwin: Reflections in Natural History*, and Rosemary Righter's *Whose News? Politics, the Press and the Third World*, give an idea of the imprint's range.

The Burnetts' intention is to expand to about a dozen books a year: certainly no more, because they want to maintain a personal involvement with every title they publish, or, as Farrell Burnett says, "from the first glimmerings of the idea to the tapping out of review slips".

Jack Hobbs's other ghosts

If this were a Letter to the editor it would no doubt begin: Re Jack Hobbs's ghost. In this column last month I asked who wrote a novel *The Test Match Surprise*, which claimed to be by Hobbs. John Arlott mentioned the name of Jack Ingram, a journalist and former sports editor of *The Star*, but since then it has become apparent that Hobbs used not one, but a team of ghosts. An XI may be an exaggeration, but let me mention the claimants in the hope that there is some literary-cum-sporting umpire to give the final verdict.

Ken Bolton, of Leighton Buzzard, says his father J. T. (Jimmy) Bolton was Hobbs's ghost for over 20 years, but not his last. "I claim that distinction", his son says. "When an accident, in 1950, prevented my father from completing a summer assignment with Jack Hobbs, the honour and pleasure of taking on the job went to me. I have my duplicate typescript to testify."

Philip Warner, of Camberley, says he does not doubt that Ingham wrote Hobbs's accounts of cricket matches. "However, the venture into fiction were apparently by Sydney Horler or Jack Edgar." Warner has put together an anthology, *The Best of Chums* (to be published by Cassell on October 19), in which he includes a serial called *Between the Wickets* "by Jack Hobbs, the world's



greatest batsman". On a later page there is even a photograph headed "The great sportsman-author writes *Chums*' new serial—a new photo of *John Berry Hobbs . . . at the* desk on which 'Between the Wickets' was written."

On the basis of that sentence alone, I would plump for Horler as Hobbs's ghost in that particular case. Horler was an exhibitionist who after Edgar Wallace's death bought his desk and dictaphone and would boast that his novels were "written at the desk of the master".

As Warner points out, in the 1920s *Chums* was full of by notable athletes, in Georges Carpentier, g about clean-living Britis lic schoolboys. "Ghostw says, "was no probl *Chums* as most of the wrote under several d names." And what Warner's other sug Jack Edgar? Althou gotten now he was the of the play and film *Amazing Dr Clitterhous*

Finally—at least fo month's column—a not Lord Airedale. Referei Jack Hobbs's ghost re him of a conversation two small boys in Sir Bradman's heyday.

"Betcha haven't go man's autograph?"

"No, but I've got t graph of a fellow who

*One of the more unf erratum slips of the publishing season h reached my office. note", Slovika Publish of Columbus, Ohio, say due to an error a numbers given in the Dehreczny and Eckmar boy's Art of Writing a too high. If the index you should read 69, index says 188, you read 185, and so forth put this slip into t before page 193 (the f of the index). We re. inconvenience this m you".

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MR ROWLAND v DR OWEN

Everything about the business and public activity of Mr Rowland, the chief executive of Lonrho, has tended to be on a scale rather larger than life. His strengths and his weaknesses, his successes and his failures have always been on the grand scale. He has now embarked on a head on clash with the Government, believing it seems that he has nothing to lose and perhaps a little to gain.

The form of the confrontation was the release for publication by *The Times* on October 3 of correspondence with the Foreign Secretary. Angered by the way in which Lonrho has, as he sees it, been treated (for example in contrast to Shell and BP in the matter of possible breaches of economic sanctions against Rhodesia), Mr Rowland has made a series of grave charges against the Government in general and the Foreign Secretary in particular. If the charges are true they damage the integrity of Dr Owen; if false, of Mr Rowland. They will need to be substantiated, or answered.

Mr Rowland makes essentially three charges. The first is that Lonrho was put under pressure at a meeting between Dr Owen and himself on July 6, 1977, to drop its suits against the major international oil companies, including Shell and BP. The basis of these suits is the charge that the companies profited at the expense of Lonrho, because unlike it they did not observe the oil embargo on Rhodesia. In the light of the Bingham report on oil sanctions, this is a particularly embarrassing and damaging charge.

The second is that Dr Owen gave Mr Rowland an assurance that an official statement would be made, either by the Attorney General, or by the Secretary of State for Trade, to the effect that there would be no proceedings against Lonrho arising out of the Department of Trade inspectors' report into the company: an assurance which has not been honoured.

The third is that, because Lonrho declined to drop its suits for damages against the oil companies, Dr Owen and the Government embarked on a deliberate and sustained campaign of harassment. This included the withholding of the statement clearing Lonrho from the threat of criminal proceedings, the service of orders demanding the production of documents relating to sanctions, the deliberate publicizing of a visit by the Fraud Squad to the Lonrho offices and the reference of a proposed Lonrho takeover bid to the Monopolies Commission. Finally, Mr Rowland charges Dr Owen with deliberately encouraging the Tanzanian Government to expropriate Lonrho assets in that country.

So far Dr Owen's only response has been to get a private secretary to write that Mr Rowland's account of their meeting in July, 1977, "does not correspond to the facts"; and that "Dr Owen does not accept the factual basis of your letter". The Foreign Secretary's considered reaction that a libel action would be inappropriate as a way of dealing with the matter may be correct. He is, however, required to answer the charges more comprehensively than he has chosen to do so far. The promised debate in the House on the Bingham report would give him a proper opportunity so to do.

It would be absurd at this stage to try before all the evidence is in to judge between Mr Rowland and Dr Owen; the only possible course for the rest of us is to keep an open mind. Nevertheless the issues are of great importance; what are now needed, as the lawyers say, are "further and better particulars" on both sides.

IN CUSTODY FOR BRAZIL'S ELECTION DAY

There could hardly be a better indicator of the changes in Brazil's political life than the arrest this week of General Hugo Abreu and the decision to place him in military custody for 20 days. Until last January, General Abreu was head of President Geisel's military household, but he resigned in protest against the President's decision to nominate General Joao Baptista Figueiredo as his successor, and subsequently became one of the main supporters of the rival candidate, General Euler Bentes Monteiro. The immediate cause of General Abreu's arrest was the publication in the press of a letter in which he criticized the selection of General Figueiredo, describing it as the doing of a "palace group". It illustrates not only the divisions within the Brazilian armed forces over the direction that the country should take in the next few years, but the extent to which such differences are now discussed in public.

The presidential election will be held on October 15 in an electoral college dominated by the government's civilian supporters; and it has generally been assumed that General Figueiredo will win without difficulty. But such is the pressure for liberalization and change in Brazil that General Euler Bentes's campaign has attracted a considerable following; and even if he loses, as expected, it is likely to carry over into the campaign for the congressional elections on November 15, when voting is direct. General Euler Bentes has been adopted as their presidential candidate by the Brazilian Democratic Movement (MDB), the only officially tolerated opposition party, and has spoken out strongly in favour of more liberalization, as well as measures to deal with Brazil's social and economic difficulties. MDB candidates across the country will be doing the same, and will be trying to take advantage of the desire for change. General Figueiredo's line is that there should be further liberalization, but that it should only be carried out in a very cautious way, as has been the way of President Geisel. A package of reform measures was recently put before Congress and was adopted by it after considerable pressure was brought to bear on government supporters. It did away with one of the most objectionable features of the military regime, Institutional Act number 5, known as AI5, which gave the President wide powers to suspend Congress and deprive its members of their political rights. But in its place it gave the President other emergency powers, and it was strongly criticized as inadequate by the opposition. This week's decision to arrest General Abreu suggests that the government is even nervous about this month's presidential election. Its fear, presumably, is that members of Arena, the pro-government party, might abandon General Figueiredo and go over to General Euler Bentes. There have already been occasions this year in which not all of them have followed the official line.

To the outside world, it is bound to seem ironic that a presidential election should be fought out in this way between two generals, and that so many of the main actors should be military men. But the fact is that the armed forces remain in control in Brazil, even if they have differences. Brazil is now entering a new phase in which it is understandably anxious not to lose the gains it has made in the past few years, but has to decide how to tackle the many difficulties which have not been resolved.

THE SALE OF WARWICK CASTLE

The main reaction to the news that Warwick Castle has been sold to Madame Tussaud's must be one of relief. The progressive dispersal of its treasures, which has gained pace in the past few years, has been one of the most shameful passages in the recent history of British country houses. It is only to be regretted that such irreparable damage has been done already, with the loss of major paintings and other items which at once gained interest from their association with the castle and enhanced it. There should be urgent inquiry into the fate of the colossal Roman vase recently removed from the castle and apparently not among the items acquired by Madame Tussaud's.

The new owners' assurances that there will be no gimmickry about the way the castle is run are welcome: as showmen, their commercial self-interest will give them a motive to preserve their majestic acquisition as it deserves. There was little sign that the former owner, for all that he was a member of the great family which owned the castle for 350 years, felt ruled by any similar obligation.

Fortunately such an attitude has been rare among those who have found themselves the custodians of great houses when the social patterns that gave rise to them have almost vanished. Far from milking them for what they were worth, many have made the restoration of their half-ruined charges their life's work, at great personal cost. Their devotion, and an intelligent if sometimes restrictive system of grants and tax concessions, averted the wholesale destruction of country house which seemed all too probable in the years following the Second World War.

Warwick is exceptional in other respects than the attitude of its former owner, but it is nevertheless a warning of dangers that threaten many other houses. It is one of very few that are so outstanding and fortunately-situated that they have a chance of supporting themselves from takings alone. Dedication and flair by themselves are not enough to make most houses a paying proposition. Upkeep costs have risen to a point where many owners are finding it almost impossible to go on. The nation is no more able than Madame Tussaud's to take on more than a handful of the hundreds of historic houses which are in danger.

State assistance, tied to the condition that the taxpayer should have opportunities to inspect what he is paying for, is indispensable. But there are limits to the extent to which special measures of aid can help. Already some existing provisions to protect items of outstanding interest from capital transfer tax or to create capital endowments tied to maintenance of the house have not proved attractive to owners because they involve conditions which would tie their hands too closely. In some cases it is a matter of choosing between selling some treasures from a house or abandoning the house itself. In the long run, a taxation policy which imposes penal rates on higher incomes may frustrate all other measures to enable the owners of historic houses to carry on a task which is in the national interest, and which only they can do. We can have 98 per cent taxes or great houses; in the end we shall not be able to have both.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Motorways for the motor industry

From Mr T. E. M. McKitterick

Sir, Every so often someone enters a passionate plea for more motorways, as Mr David Owen and his co-signatories did in your columns of September 29, with special reference to the Midlands. One does not need to be a "professional motorway obstructionist" to query some of their arguments.

They cite the Leitch report and the transport White Paper in support of their case. The Leitch report concluded that the forecasts on which earlier programmes were based were often too high.

The White Paper recognized that motorways are not necessarily the most cost-effective investments in transport and recommended only a few high-priority projects, which did not include those which your correspondents demand. As for the forecast of "the extra five or six million vehicles . . . by 1990", where does that come from?

The direct costs of motorway building have increased enormously since the M1, and construction and maintenance costs increase even more rapidly as more very heavy vehicles are provided for.

Indirect costs, some of which were ignored in the earlier programmes, are also increasing. It is not proved that the community as a whole derives commensurate benefit, whereas it probably does from limited schemes eliminating specific bottlenecks.

The transport network in this country, by road and rail, is one of the densest in the world, and there is hardly an area where there is no alternative to the motorway.

Except in the special cases mentioned, the benefits may in practice be quite small. The Leitch committee could do no more than indicate lines for a cost-benefit analysis and was cautious in drawing conclusions: certainly no case for massive construction programmes emerged.

In financial terms, it is often claimed that all revenue from the vehicle excise duty and fuel tax should be balanced against road construction and maintenance, though it is no part of our system to earmark taxes.

Even accepting the claim, the net revenue (gross revenue less maintenance) of £2,125m is not a large return on the capital value of all roads. Construction costs over the five years 1973-78 alone were, at 1977 prices, about £4,500m.

At what does one value all construction before 1973? If one excludes fuel tax and returns to the "road fund" concept, abandoned in recent budgets, the return is negligible.

Effectively, the community pays for motorways, as it does for other services. It is now accepted that services should, if possible, show an adequate return, thus limiting public expenditure. Tolls on motorways have been proved ineffective where there are alternative routes.

Would Mr Owen and his friends accept the implication that motorway costs should be recovered by a vehicle excise duty which really reflected them and reflected the marginal costs of construction and maintenance, for large and very large vehicles?

Yours faithfully,
T. E. M. McKITTERICK,
West Lodge,
Fawkham,
Kent.
October 2.

From Mr David McGill

Sir, If Mr David Owen and his friends care to look at a map they will find that the towns they quote have excellent connections: by rail.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID McGILL,
Bardsley Close,
Croydon,
Surrey.

Improper lawyers

From the Secretary-General of The Law Society

Sir, Sir Robert Mark (October 2) has revived his complaint that a small minority of lawyers disgrace their profession by engaging in improper practices in the defence of criminal cases, and that they are not brought to book by their professional bodies.

Your leader "The shadier purlieus of the courts" (October 3) whilst pointing out that Sir Robert should provide evidence of such practices to the Bar Council or The Law Society, criticizes both bodies for failing, in the absence of such evidence, "to conduct discreet enquiries into firms or individuals thought to offend against professional propriety . . ."

How, Sir, can The Law Society move on mere generalized suspicion? Lack of evidence frequently thwarts the efforts of the police to bring criminals to justice, and that same lack has frequently prevented The Law Society from prosecuting the handful of solicitors who Sir Robert rightly castigates.

Your leader pointed out that Sir Robert Mark has never provided The Law Society either with the names of the solicitors he had criticized or with any details of the allegations he thinks ought to be made against them. When we have something to go on, you may be sure a thorough investigation is made.

Yours faithfully,
J. L. BOWRON, Secretary-General,
The Law Society,
113 Chancery Lane, WC2.

Offensive interviewing

From John Stokes, MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge (Conservative)

Sir, While holding no brief whatever for Sir Harold Wilson, I applaud his decision to cut his television interview short after being questioned on the Bingham Report. There is too much offensive interviewing of public figures.

Prime Ministers should be treated with courtesy and dignity. Can one imagine Palmerston, Disraeli or Churchill being subjected to this new and ill mannered form of inquisition?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN STOKES,
House of Commons.

The Advanced Airbus

From Group Captain H. J. Wilson RAF (Retd)

Sir, If the practical minded French consider the Advanced Airbus a better business proposition than its American contemporaries, why do they not encourage British Airways to select the latter and thus enable Air France to run British Airways out of business?

Yours faithfully,
H. J. WILSON,
50 Maddox Street,
New Bond Street, W1.
September 26.

Giving workers a sense of belonging

From Mr Nicholas Davenport

Sir, Why anyone today should expect workers to comply with a strict pay guideline without participating in some way in the profits of their companies I cannot imagine. The only way to prevent a perpetual wage-cost inflation is surely to persuade the trade unions to drop their annual wage ritual in return for a new source of income derived from dividend-paying equity share.

Having studied the 1951-64 Tory "stop-go" income policies, I came to the conclusion in *The Split Society*, published in 1964, that the constant use of monetary measures to combat inflation was class-divisive and would end in the alienation of the working class from any sense of belonging to or responsibility for our economy.

As the workers were the chief sufferers from acts of monetary deflation and the implementation of income policies, why should they bother themselves about output and productivity? The constant "lightning" and irresponsible strikes from Leyland to Ford, prove that this alienation has already taken possession of their minds.

To bring the workers back into a sense of belonging to our national enterprise, it is surely necessary to give them a slice of the national equity. This can be done by allocating shares to workers in private sector companies, as the Liberal and Tory parties have urged—there has been a big advance in employee stock ownership plans in the United States because of the tax advantage given to employers—but wider share ownership leaves out the public sector.

To give equity participation to workers in the public sector it is necessary to set up a public unit trust which will take over most of the public boards as well as taking shareholdings, in exchange for units, in the private sector companies.

I have long been urging this in my column in the *Spectator*, but with no response except, curiously enough, in India where the government has created a public unit trust and is using this instrument, as I have always urged, for industrial financing.

The Marxist bloc in the Labour Party, with its closed doctrinaire mind, will of course oppose any form of worker participation in an advanced mixed economy, but it seems to me that until the worker's sense of alienation from our economy is replaced by a new form of economic participation, the industrial decline of Great Britain will continue until the oil dries up in the North Sea, which is very sad seeing that we are a decent, inventive and potentially rich society.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS DAVENPORT.
The Athenaeum, Pall Mall, SW1.

From Mr Kenneth Lewis, MP for Rutland and Stamford (Conservative).

Sir, The incomes policy of the Government has become bogged down because of its rigidity. On the other hand, the public remain uncertain as to the policy of the Conservative Party in this field.

Both Sir Geoffrey Howe and James Prior have recently said that 5 per cent is a reasonable norm if inflation is not to go up again. But the Conservative leadership continues to affirm that a future Conservative Government will seek to return to free collective bargaining.

In short, policy is unclear. It is time the Conservative Party established a formula for future incomes.

It could be something on the following lines but, whatever it is, it needs spelling out:

1 As soon as a Conservative Government has been formed, a meeting to be called of representatives of the Confederation of British Industry, the Trades Union Congress and the Government in order to establish a norm which the country can afford to pay.

2 The public sector will be expected to conform to this norm. If special cases arise in the public sector where, eg, clearly there has been a falling behind or recruitment is held up, then this should go to a special independent board set up for this purpose.

3 Free collective bargaining to be allowed in private industry and the nationalized industries, but every employer would be requested to have regard to the norm which had been agreed by the representatives of the CBI, the TUC and the Government. Scope to be given for going beyond the norm, either because of productivity results or the profitability of the company, or inability to recruit special skills.

4 The Government to warn that, if advantage is taken of this flexibility in negotiations, then either the extra pay taken will be clawed back in tax, or the following year there will be a complete freeze for the next 12 months.

If the TUC were to oppose any norm, it would still be the duty of the Government to define what the nation could afford. This way, employers would have guidelines, but not rigid guidelines. There is no doubt that, while we need to get out of the straitjacket, we also need to keep a fall-back position to deal with inflationary demands.

There will doubtless still be strikes even granted greater flexibility. But given greater flexibility, strikes should be fewer. No government, however, should have to concede to irresponsible militancy.

Particularly where unofficial militancy occurs under a system of reasonable bargaining, the question will have to be asked and faced as to whether it is justified to pay the same high rate of Social Security benefit to strikers' families as is paid to the old, the unemployed and others in real need.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH LEWIS,
House of Commons.
October 3.

Pope John Paul's death

From the Bishop of Leeds

Sir, Many people will resent your Religious Affairs Correspondent's assertion that Cardinal Hume's words re "God's Candidate" are "painful to recall".

It is scarcely for us to judge when a papacy is "peremptorily concluded". It has happened at least a dozen times before in the history of the Church, and we can learn a lot from that. God's "time" is different from our "time", just as "His ways are quite different from our ways". In a short space, it has often been said in Scripture and elsewhere, a man can fulfil a long time.

Nor does it really help to suggest that a peremptory conclusion of the Borgia pontificates would have been more to the point. This apart from seeming to know better than God, confuses the man and his office (and we have to remember that many good things happened in the Church's life during those otherwise dismal periods).

If a person really believes in the loving providence of God, he knows that Pope John Paul I was indeed God's candidate and I have already had the testimonies of many non-Catholics as well as Catholics that they can discern a tremendous purpose in the image presented by the "September" Pope. His supernatural optimism and his happy familiar colloquies as Supreme Pastor have had an impact which will be lasting.

The Holy Spirit will assuredly guide the electors in the autumn no less than in the summer. The man who is chosen will be no less right for a longer period (maybe) than John Paul I was for a shorter one.

Yours faithfully,
†WM GORDON WHEELER,
Bishop's House,
Elrofts,
Thorner,
Leeds.

From the Right Reverend C. L. P. Bishop.

Sir, Need Pope John Paul's death really prompt questions as to divine guidance? (Clifford Langley, October 2). In 33 days he gave his Church and the world an unforgetable lesson in humility and warmed the hearts of millions of men and women everywhere. If quality rather than quantity is the criterion could more be reasonably asked of "God's candidate"?

Yours faithfully,
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Rectory Cottage,
Cley-next-Sea,
Holt,
Norfolk.

From The Reverend Melvyn Matthews

Sir, With reference to your Religious Affairs Correspondent's article on the death of the late Pope John Paul (October 2), would not the circumstances of the Holy Father's election and death indicate that it is not so much the guidance which the Cardinal Electors received which should be questioned so much as the nature of the office to which they elected such a man?

The tragic death Pope John Paul would seem to indicate that it is difficult, to say the least, to elect a good hearted pastor to an office which is still dominated by administrative responsibilities of an overwhelming nature. If the Cardinals are to remain firm in their belief that a pastor is what is needed, is this not a sign that they were rightly guided, and that it is the office which needs adapting to the person and not vice versa?

I, as one Anglican parish priest, will pray that during the next Conclave the Cardinals do not lose their nerve, but elect another Pope who will effectively symbolize the pastoral nature of the Petrine Office, and meanwhile all go ahead with reforming the Curia post haste.

Yours faithfully,
MELVYN MATTHEWS,
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Church Road,
Highgate, N6.

From Mr Geoffrey Houghton Brown

Sir, Is it of interest that the well known prophecies, called "of St Malachy", assigned to the late Pope John Paul I the motto, "*De medietate lunae*", which can be translated as "From the middle of the moon"?

It was difficult to put any meaning to this motto until today but it can now be seen to have a curious connexion with this Pope's short reign.

Pope John Paul was installed as "Supreme Pastor" on September 3, the day following the New Moon of September 2 and he died on September 28, four days before the New Moon of October 2. His reign lasted almost exactly one lunar month or between "two moons". Can this be the meaning of the mysterious "*De medietate lunae*"?

Yours truly,
GEOFFREY HOUGHTON BROWN,
29 Thurloe Square, SW7.

Clearer claim forms

From Miss Sheila Jones and Mr Peter Wason

Sir, We are not surprised to hear that claim forms for supplementary benefits have had to be withdrawn because of their unintelligibility. But such a piecemeal approach is likely to prove uneconomic in the long run.

In our experience, complex regulations cannot be expressed clearly in prose. During 1965 we investigated the effects of a simple hierarchical device for making such regulations clear, with the help of a grant from the Medical Research Council.

This device enables any set of rules to be expressed in a series of single sentences, structured like a computer program. In collaboration with the Treasury, we established its efficacy on civil servants.

However, can we really assume that government departments want their communications to be clear? The late Dick Crossman, on a visit to this department, casually remarked about our research: "Too much clarity has its dangers".

We have the honour to remain,
Sir, your obedient servants,
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PETER C. WASON,
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Limiting arms by agreement

From Mrs Elizabeth Young

Sir, The conclusion of a second SALT agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union is indeed something to hope for. But there are certain risks involved which the United States Administration may or may not be taking into proper account.

A formal part of a SALT II agreement will be an agenda for SALT III. Recent rather authoritative reports from Washington have been suggesting that Nato "theatre" nuclear weapons and the comparable Warsaw Pact ones—what are being called "gray area weapons"—should be discussed in SALT III. A report from the *Atlantic Council of the United States* suggests that the best "format", within which to discuss the "gray area" weapons (including British and French nuclear weapons of course), could be the bilateral SALT III negotiations, the United States consulting "closely" with "our allies"; these being not only the Nato allies but Japan, and perhaps the Anzus countries as well.

Already a new office has been set up within the American National Security Council to take charge of long term planning on tactical nuclear forces and strategic doctrine, including SALT III and "gray area" weapons reductions.

These matters have not yet, I think, been discussed in any great depth with America's allies, and there is a nasty possibility that they are already being discussed, bilaterally, in SALT II. Yet it is unlikely that the French Government should accept any *fait-accompli* agreement between the Americans and the Russians that touched on French nuclear weapons. It is unlikely that the British Government should accept. It is unlikely that the German Government should accept (any more than in 1966 and 1967 it accepted the first Soviet-American joint draft of a non-proliferation treaty). Nor of course would the Chinese, the Indians, the South Africans, the Israelis. . . .

There is a very dangerous temptation, always at large in Washington, to believe that the *fait-accompli* is the secret of leadership. In fact, it is a famous banana skin in disguise.

There is no mention, in the Atlantic Council pamphlet, of the Geneva Disarmament Conference, which might be the appropriate venue for discussions on limiting short range strategic weapons; nor of the French proposal, announced by President Giscard at the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament, for a conference on arms control in Europe, "from the Urals to the Atlantic"—ie, covering the Soviet weapons.

The United States should be very careful not to paint itself into a corner in SALT II about negotiations on "gray area" weapons. The whole of Europe, and Asia, and the Middle East, is in range of Soviet short range strategic weapons, and the United States cannot possibly hope to negotiate bilaterally with the Soviet Union on their common behalf—and should not try to.

Yours, etc.
ELIZABETH YOUNG.
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September 29.

What matters in Iran

From Lord Shawcross, QC

Sir, I have no idea whether Mr Fred Halliday, author of the article "Iran: what the people say is what matters" (October 3) can speak with more authority and knowledge about Iran than Lord Chalfont: certainly much in his article conflicts with my own experience.

Incidentally, is "what the people say" always "what matters"? Then I wonder if Mr Halliday would apply that test to, for instance, the reimposition of the death penalty in this country.

Nor would I accept that the recent outbursts in Iran, however vociferous, are to be taken as representative of "the people" of that country. They expressed the view of some of the people, a different thing.

Few countries have in recent years made such rapid progress towards a more prosperous and better society than has Iran under the Shah's guidance. Indeed, it is in part the very rapidity of the changes which have been brought about in a traditionalist country which has led to the reactions by certain of the religious mullahs now being so actively exploited by the extreme left.

What matters, however, is that both Her Majesty's Government here and the Government of the United States have publicly expressed their support of and good will towards the Shah in the present situation.

The continued stability of Iran is vital to the Western world. As everybody who knows the area realises: if the Shah's regime were to be overthrown, the whole of the Middle East would quickly (but violently) come under the domination of Soviet Russia as Afghanistan already has.

Yours faithfully,
HARTLEY SHAWCROSS,
House of Lords,
October 4.

Win at whatever cost

From Mr Ian G. Bridge

Sir, In your report of a football match (September 25) between Burnley and Sunderland your reporter states "eight names were taken, including that of a trainer, and two Sunderland players were sent off . . . The manager of Sunderland . . . thought his team of nine men, who won 2—1, gave 'the most professional performance I have witnessed'".

This surely, demonstrates the problem with professional football at the moment. "Win, at whatever cost."

Yours faithfully,
IAN G. BRIDGE,
Winchester Way,
Ashby-de-la-Zouch,
Leicestershire.
September 25.

Psychiatric patients

From Dr J. L. Reed

Sir, Recent articles and letters have drawn attention to the problem of providing suitable care of mentally disordered offenders, and have criticized hospitals and consultant psychiatrists for refusing to admit some of these patients. Most, like Dr Smith, (September 19) imply that we do this because such patients are often difficult or impossible to help and accuse us of avoiding our responsibilities. The true reasons are far more complex.

"Mentally disordered offenders" comprise two principal sub-groups with differing problems and needs. First, there are those who are a risk to others and need treatment in conditions of security, though less than that provided by the special hospitals such as Broadmoor.

The second group is the "social inadequate", who often have no clear psychiatric disorder but who cannot cope with life in an ordinary society. It is well nigh impossible to manage patients in the first group in ordinary present day psychiatric wards which are very "open" and non-restrictive and it is not a simple matter, nor indeed a good thing to revert to the old pattern of hospital care.

While the change to an open policy may have been initiated by psychiatrists, it is now whole-heartedly supported by the vast majority of psychiatric patients who resent the disturbed behaviour and the consequent restrictions necessitated by the disordered behaviour in the first group.

The result often is that, when very disturbed patients are admitted to an ordinary ward, other patients equally ill, but quieter, discharge themselves before their treatment is complete, thus putting their future health at risk.

The problem of the socially inadequate is different. They do need "asylum"; and in the past often were admitted for long spells to big psychiatric hospitals. Psychiatrists now prefer to keep them out of hospital, not just because hospital care cannot help them, but because a hospital's very protective environment makes them worse.

Nearly all have a history of admission to institutions from early age—children's homes, Borstal, hospital and prisons. All these foster dependency and "institutionalisation" and make the individual's problem worse, although society in general may be less troubled by their misdemeanours.

The basic problem in providing care is that there is not sufficient range of facilities available. There is a need both for highly staffed intensive care units for the seriously disturbed, for the present type of wards and also for hostels which are supportive, but not overprotective and with low expectations of rapid improvement for the socially inadequate who often cannot cope with the stresses of conventional "therapeutic community" hostels. At present only one of these types of accommodation is generally available.

If efforts to provide care for psychiatric patients with a greater emphasis on care in the community has not yet been successful, this is not because the principle is wrong, but because sufficient resources to develop community care have never been available.

National Health Service psychiatry has very limited facilities and there is little sign that Mr Ennals's policy of diverting resources to psychiatry is actually being implemented by the lower administrative echelons of the Health Service.

With their existing resources, psychiatrists will concentrate on providing for the majority of their patients and will certainly avoid offering society a short-term solution to the problems of its inadequates, knowing that the "solution" will harm the individual.

Yours faithfully,
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Handwritten Truman letter sold for a record £3,778

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A single-page handwritten letter from Harry S Truman to the President of the *Baltimore Sun*, dated August 16, 1945, suggesting that the paper had given him, as President, too much of the credit for concluding peace with Japan, sold at Sotheby Parke Bernet in New York on Tuesday to Benjamin Books for $7,500 (estimate $500 to $1,000) or £3,778. It was a new auction record price for a Truman letter.

The routine sale of printed and manuscript Americana demonstrated that Americans are as keen as ever on their history. The top price was $14,500 (estimate $5,000 plus) or £7,305 for a group of 32 autograph letters written to his wife by Charles Thomson, an American patriot and secretary of the Continental Congress, all dating between June and October, 1783. They are full of references to historic figures of the time.

Other sought-after items included a rare engraved American map by Lewis Evans published in Philadelphia in 1755 at $6,750 (estimate $1,500 to $2,500) or £3,401. A large group of letters written by William Paterson, Governor of New Jersey from 1790 to 1793, made $5,500 (estimate $1,500 to $2,000) or £2,771.

The sale totalled £99,262 with 29 lots out of 216 unsold.

Relatively standard watches were making high prices in Christie's sale of clocks and watches yesterday, which totalled £120,064 with 14 per cent unsold.

Watches by German makers seem to be enjoying a particularly buoyant market, with keen buyers in Germany and the United States. A gold hunter-cased keyless lever watch by A. Lange & Söhne, of Dresden, dating from 1886, made £3,400 (estimate £2,000 to £2,500).

There were two fairly standard Breguet gold quarter-repeating watches, one at £4,000 (estimate £2,000 to £2,500) and another at £4,800 estimate £3,000 to £3,500). The historic clocks had mainly suffered some substantial alterations over the years, a Joseph Knibb bracket clock made £5,500 (estimate £6,000 to £8,000) to Stender from Holland

Decorative Victorian watercolours were in strong demand at Bonham's as at Sotheby's on Tuesday. "The banks of the Zuyder Zee", by Willem Jansen, made £330 (estimate £100 to £150).

The top prices in a picture sale at Christie's South Kensington were both secured for paintings of ducks. "Le Beau du Village", of 1894, by Piet van Engelen, an Antwerp painter, made £1,400 (estimate £1,000 to £1,500): a handsome drake is lording it over the village. A pair of paintings, "Feeding the ducks" and "Plucking a duck" by Ernest Walbourn, made £1,000 (estimate £800 to £1,000).

A minor sale of Old Master paintings at Sotheby's in Bond Street made £53,555 with 11 per cent unsold, and a mixed sale of British and European paintings £33,910 with 6 per cent unsold. Christie's silver sale made £86,555 with 5 per cent unsold.

At Christie's South Kensington Phillips and Harris paid £5,000 (estimate £3,500 to £4,500) for a set of 48 nineteenth-century oak Gothic revival chairs. The sale made £55,996 with 8 per cent unsold.

Humberts, King and Chasemore, of Taunton, held a furniture sale totalling £21,300 with 5 per cent unsold.

Old Master collection is valued at £3.5m

By Our Sale Room Correspondent

A group of 67 Old Master paintings described as "the property of a gentleman" and valued at about £3.5m are to be sold at Sotheby's on November 1.

Although they are being sold anonymously, the paintings appear to come from the collection recently formed by Signor Dino Fabbri, the Italian publishing magnate, who sold his company to Agnelli a few years ago.

He has been a very active collector in recent years and it is not long since he purchased many of the works, although others go back 20 years or so. Sotheby's say the collection has always been kept in Switzerland.

The sale is strong on Italian eighteenth-century view painters, with seven paintings by Carnaletto, seven by Francesco Guardi and five by Panini. There is a Canaletto view of The Thames at Westminster valued at round £130,000 and a very fine view: "Venice: The Bacino di San Marco", estimated at about £90,000.

A large group of early Italian gold-ground paintings includes a large arched panel of the Madonna and Child by Taddeo di Bartolo (1362-1422) estimated to fetch about £70,000. There is a good group of French eighteenth-century works, including paintings by Fragonard, Boucher, Pater and Lancret.

Sotheby's catalogue quotes extensive provenances for most of the paintings, but all reference to recent auctions has been omitted.



A gold-ground Madonna and Child by Taddeo di Bartolo, which is expected to fetch about £70,000 at Sotheby's.

Law Report October 4 1978 — Court of Appeal

Chief constable's costs to come out of Legal Aid Fund

Maynard v Osmond

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Orr and Lord Justice Brandon

The Court of Appeal held that it was "just and equitable" within section 13(2) of the Legal Aid Act, 1974, that the appeal costs of a successful unassisted defendant, Sir Douglas Osmond, former Chief Constable of Hampshire, in an action brought against him by a former constable, a legally aided litigant, should be paid out of the Legal Aid Fund.

An appeal by the former constable, Mr Jeremy George Maynard, against a judgment of Mr Justice Griffiths in favour of Sir Douglas, was dismissed by the Court of Appeal (*The Times*, July 14, 1976; [1977] QB 240).

Section 13 provides: "(1) Where a party receives legal aid in connection with any proceedings between him and a party not receiving legal aid 'the unassisted party' and those proceedings are finally decided in favour of the unassisted party, the court by which the proceedings are so decided may, subject to the provisions of this section, make an order for the payment to the unassisted party out of the legal aid fund of the whole or any part of the costs incurred by him in those proceedings. (2) An order may be made under this section in respect of any costs if (and only if) the court is satisfied that it is just and equitable in all the circumstances that provision for those costs should be made out of public funds; and before making such an order the court shall in every case (whether or not application is made in that behalf) consider what orders should be made for costs against the party receiving legal aid and for determining his liability in respect of such costs."

Mr Michael Brooke for the chief constable: Mr Duncan Matheson for the Law Society.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that in November, 1975, in Alton, Hampshire, three young men had made a great deal of noise in the middle of the night. The police were called and took them into custody. Mr Maynard, then a young constable, belonged to the same youth club as the three young men. He afterwards accused a police sergeant of assaulting one of the men. That had been the subject of civil proceedings.

Mr Maynard was charged with a disciplinary offence, making an unfounded charge. When he was brought before the police disciplinary tribunal he was advised by friends that he should have legal representation. The Police (Discipline) Regulations made no provision for representation by lawyers, but for a police officer to be represented by a member of the police force.

Legal aid was granted to Mr Maynard to test the position in court. He brought an action against the chief constable claiming declarations that he was entitled to legal representation. Mr Justice Griffiths rejected his claim, and made an order for costs in favour of the chief constable, not to be enforced without leave of the court.

There had been an appeal, and after a five-day hearing the Court of Appeal upheld Mr Justice Griffiths's decision in favour of the chief constable. The cost of contesting the claim was some £3,000.

The question was whether the Hampshire Police Authority could recover the costs out of the Legal Aid Fund. In what circumstances could a successful unassisted party recover his costs against an unsuccessful assisted party from the Legal Aid Fund who had supported the latter?

Section 13 of the Legal Aid Act, which governed the matter, meant that it was the duty of the court "in every case" to consider what order for costs should be made "against the party, receiving legal aid"; in this case Mr Maynard, who had now resigned from the police force. An order was made that Mr Maynard should pay the costs but that the order was not to be enforced without a further order of the court.

Was it "just and equitable in all the circumstances that provision for those costs should be made out of public funds"? In the particular case it was "just and equitable" that the Legal Aid Fund should pay the costs.

There had been cases concerning insurance companies and building societies. In the Court of Appeal it was often "just and equitable" that the successful unassisted party should be given his costs out of the fund. It was suggested that a public authority like the Hampshire Police Authority was in a different position. Both the legal aid authorities and the authority got money from public funds. His Lordship could not agree that public authorities were in a different position.

In the present case a point of some constitutional importance had arisen as to the right to legal representation. No doubt it was right and proper that that point should be elucidated but not at the cost of the Hampshire Police Authority: see *Gallie v Lee (No 2)* ([1971] AC 1038, 1046). When the Legal Aid Fund took up cases on behalf of assisted persons to bring such matters before the court, it was often just and equitable that they should pay the costs if the assisted person lost.

There had been discussion about the right procedure. It was often not possible at the end of the hearing to have an inquiry as to the means, etc. of the unsuccessful assisted party. The right procedure was for the court to state that its present intention was that the costs should be paid out of the Legal Aid Fund but the order was not to be drawn up until 10 weeks after service of notice on the secretary of the legal aid area committee. That would give 10 weeks' grace for the Legal Aid Fund to come in and take objection if they so wished.

In the present case Mr Maynard was to be ordered to pay the costs but the order was not to be enforced without further application to the court.

So far as the Legal Aid Fund was concerned, it was just and equitable that the costs of the unassisted party, the chief constable, should be paid out of the fund.

Lord Justice Orr agreed.

LORD JUSTICE BRANDON, while in no way disagreeing with the order made, said that it should be considered whether it was not the duty of the court under section 13(2) to determine the liability of the assisted person, so that in the present case the order would be nil.

Solicitors: Theodore Goddard & Co for Mr R. A. Leyland, Winchester; the Law Society.

'Time the offence was committed'

Regina v Okike

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Eveleigh and Mr Justice Smith

A motorist who was warned 2½ hours after he had allegedly driven dangerously that the question of prosecution would be considered was warned "at the time the offence was committed", in compliance with section 179(2)(a) of the Road Traffic Act, 1972.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Felix Okike, aged 51, of Joanna House, Hammersmith, London, from conviction by a majority of 11 to 1 at Knightsbridge Crown Court (Judge Mendl) of dangerous driving. He was disqualified for six months, fined £200 and ordered to pay £200 prosecution costs.

Section 179(2) provides that a person prosecuted for dangerous driving "shall not be convicted unless . . . (a) he was warned at the time the offence was committed that the question of prosecuting him for [the offence] would be taken into consideration. . . ." Other paragraphs of section 179(2) relate to alternative requirements of service of a summons or a notice of intended prosecution within 14 days of the commission of the offence, neither of which was in question in the appeal.

Mr J. E. van der Werff for the appellant: Mr Michael Lawson for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the conviction was attacked on the basis of non-compliance with section 179(2)(a) and it was necessary to consider the facts with care.

At 12.40 am one day in September, 1975, three officers in a police van noticed the appellant's car being driven along. It stopped and one of four passengers got out. One officer spoke to the driver, who was identified as the appellant by that officer and another. The appellant was asked to whom the car belonged. He indicated a man seated directly behind him. When the appellant was asked for his name and address he slammed the door and drove off at speed. The police van gave chase. The appellant swerved across the crown of the road, turned left without indicating into a cul-de-sac and stopped.

All three officers then saw the driver jump over the back of the driver's seat into the rear nearside passenger seat. A constable opened the rear nearside passenger door and asked the appellant why he had driven off. He replied: "What are you talking about? I was not driving it." He refused to take a breath test. He was arrested, and when cautioned at 12.52 am said that he was not the driver and did not know who the driver was.

They arrived at 12.55 am at the police station where the appellant continued to deny that he was the driver but stated that he was the car's registered owner. At 1.15 am a breath test proved negative. He remained in the police station until 3.05 am when the offence of dangerous driving was pointed out to him. He was cautioned, and warned that the question of prosecuting him would be considered.

It had not proved easy for their Lordships to decide exactly what had been going on during the interval. The only possible explanation was that there was some delay because of the complications presented by the question of who was the driver.

Mr van der Werff was unable to show as a matter of fact what was happening. He was bound to contend that the interval of 2½ hours was too long for giving a warning "at the time the offence was committed", even though one did not know how reasonable the police action during that interval might have been.

Jollye v Dale ([1960] 2 QB 258), in which the interval was less than two hours, was authority for the proposition that whether or not the warning was given in time was a question of fact and degree under what was now section 179(2)(a). However, Lord Parker, who gave the judgment, was hesitant to lay down any general principle of reasonableness.

In *Sinclair v Clark* (1962, SLT 307), an appeal from a decision of a sheriff substitute, an accident occurred at 4 pm and the police were quickly on the scene but the motorist had already driven off because one of his passengers was injured. The passenger was driven from one hospital to another and the motorist did not turn up at the police station until 8 pm, when he was warned.

In giving judgment Lord Thomson, the Lord Justice Clerk, said that the point made on the motorist's behalf was that "he cannot be said in these circumstances to have been warned at the time that the offence was committed. It is quite obvious that literal compliance with this subsection is in practice virtually impossible, and if the subsection is to have any validity at all there must obviously be some latitude in interpreting it. I do not think it is desirable to try to lay down any hard and fast rules in what must always be a question of degree and consequently a question of fact. I do not think that the sheriff passed beyond the ambit of a reasonable latitude. . . . The chain of circumstances is unbroken and all that took place was connected with the accident . . . ."

His Lordship said that the court would be prepared to accept that proposition, bearing in mind that there would always be exceptional cases.

Nothing in the present case was inconsistent with the police being actively employed in trying to solve the problem of who was the driver. In any event it was for the appellant to make out his case and, if on the material before their Lordships there was no reason for them to say that the lapse of time was unreasonable or unjustified—which accorded with *Sinclair v Clark*—their duty was to dismiss the appeal.

Solicitors: Registrar of Criminal Appeals; Solicitor, Metropolitan Police.

Collision cases: expert evidence

Hinds v London Transport Executive

The Court of Appeal dismissed an application for leave to appeal by a plaintiff, Mr Cyril Alexander Hinds, of Kay Road, Stockwell, London, from the dismissal by Mr Justice Milmo in July of his appeal from Master Waldman who had refused his application on summons for directions for leave to adduce the expert evidence of an engineer at the trial of his running down action against the defendants, the London Transport Executive.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS, who was sitting with Lord Justice Orr and Lord Justice Brandon, said that there had been a collision in May, 1976, between the plaintiff on his moped cycle and the defendants' bus. Notice had been given under the Rules of the Supreme Court, Order 38, rule 40, of the plaintiff's intention to give evidence at the trial in accordance with an engineer's report. It was plain on reading the report that it was arguing out the cause of the accident, but was not really expert evidence.

His Lordship could not agree with the contention which had been made on behalf of the plaintiff that once the required notice had been given under rule 40 of Order 38 the party could seek to get leave for the evidence to be admitted at the hearing by the trial judge. The judge could only act under rule 36 of Order 38.

Science report

Antarctica: Influence on the moon

By the Staff of *Nature*

Variations in the extent of ice shelves in Antarctica can alter the distance of the Moon from the Earth, according to Dr C. S. M. Doake, of the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge. The effect is due to dissipation of tidal energy in the ice, causing the Moon to slow in its orbit.

Gravitational attraction decreases with distance, so the pull of the Moon is not the same at all points on the Earth's surface. It is that variation in attraction that produces tides. Every time the tide rises and falls some energy is converted to heat and lost to the system; it is estimated that the Earth wastes six million megawatts in that way.

Some of the loss occurs in friction between tidal currents in shallow seas and the seabed. Calculations are difficult, but it is estimated that not more than two million megawatts can be accounted for in that way.

An additional mechanism, considered by Dr Doake, involves the flexing of Antarctic ice shelves under the influence of the ocean tides.

The ice sheets cover more than one and a half million square kilometres. Part is grounded on the Antarctic continent and part floats freely in the Antarctic ocean. The latter part rises and falls with the ocean tides; the former is not able to do so. Hence there is a sort of hinge-zone in which flexing occurs. The hinge is, as it were, rusty because of imperfections in the ice, and so energy is steadily extracted from the tides to keep the flexing going. It is estimated that as much as two million megawatts could be scattered around the Antarctic.

Loss of energy from the Earth/Moon system in that way slows the rotation of the Earth and causes the Moon slowly to recede. The effect is extremely small, the rotation period of the Earth changing by less than a second over a hundred thousand years. On geological time scales of millions of years, however, the energy loss on ice shelves could be significant.

That suggestion is supported by the observation that the rotation period of the Earth has not varied smoothly over the past few hundred million years. There is an underlying trend that shows the Earth to be slowing gradually, but superimposed on that trend are significant variations. Sometimes the Earth slows rapidly, at other times it speeds up again. The idea that ice shelves influence the speed of rotation of the Earth is supported by the observation that the times when it slows most rapidly have coincided with important ice ages.

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Friction over Saar

Dr Adenauer and M Bidault are to meet again this month to discuss the Saar. Nothing has happened since their last meeting in May to make a solution of this perennial problem easier. But Dr Adenauer is naturally anxious to press ahead with the plans for European unity which he has sponsored and which the west German electorate has now endorsed. The present French Government, like the last, has insisted that a satisfactory settlement in the Saar, or at any rate the firm prospect of such a settlement, should precede ratification of the European Defence Community treaty. Therefore, it seems, any progress in western Europe has to start with the Saar. . . . The Saar is the barometer of Franco-German relations and no formula, however ingenious, can disguise the fact that without confidence between the two countries in other respects they cannot be in harmony ov the Saar. In western Germar there is growing impatience (e couraged by the Social Democrat at the present state of affair Many Germans argue simply th the Saar is German, and that th conventions which link it econ mically with France and th statute which keeps it political apart from Germany are equal artificial and obnoxious. Th French fear that Germany, evc divided, may become the domi ating continental power.



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ALMORAL CASTLE
October 4: The Queen was represented by the Duke of Norfolk (Earl Marshal) at the Funeral Service of His Holiness Pope John Paul I which was held at the Basilica of St Peter's, Rome, today.

WORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 4: The Duke of Kent, as Patron, today opened the Computer Society's new offices in Ransfield Street.

Lieutenant-Commander Richard Ackley, RN, was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron, this afternoon opened the new Halls of Residence for Medical and Dental Students at St George's Hospital, Tooting. Her Royal Highness this evening attended a Service of Dedication to mark the installation of the new organ at St Mary's Church, Paddington Green.

Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was in attendance.

WATCHED HOUSE LODGE
October 4: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy, attended by the Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard and Miss Mona Mitchell, returned to Heathrow Airport, London this morning in a Boeing 747B aircraft of Qantas Airways on the conclusion of the visit to Australia.

Her Royal Highness and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were received on arrival at the Airport by Mr Bannister (Senior Special Facilities Officer, British Airports Authority, Heathrow) and Mr L. Lower (Manager United Kingdom, Qantas Airways).

The Duke of Edinburgh, as president of the Royal Society of Arts, will present the silver jubilee awards for environmental conservation and attend a seminar on environmental education at the society's house, John Adam Street, on November 15.

The Prince of Wales will attend the Royal Air Force sixtieth anniversary dinner at Headquarters Strike Command, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, on November 7.

A memorial service for Professor Denys Page will be held in the Chapel of Jesus College, Cambridge, on Saturday, October 21, at 2.30 pm.

Birthdays today

General Lord Bourne, 76; Mr Sebastian de Ferranti, 51; Sir Frank Francis, 77; Viscount Harcourt, 70; Major-General G. C. Humphreys, 79; Sir Edward Peck, Mr Donald Pleasence, 59; Sir John Rodgers, MP, 72; Sir Richard Thompson, 66; Professor Ralph Turner, 90; Sir Richard Williams-Bulkeley, 67; Hon Richard Wood, MP, 58.

Forthcoming marriages

Lord Howard de Walden and Gillian Viscountess Mountgarret
The engagement is announced between Lord Howard de Walden and Gillian, Viscountess Mountgarret.

Mr R. D. V. Ashton and Miss F. J. Coles
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr G. V. Ashton, of Hawkmeade, Bude and the late Mrs G. V. Ashton, and Felicity, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. C. H. Coles, of Thurlaston, Rugby.

Mr M. E. Devine and Miss C. M. E. Hislop
The engagement is announced between Michael Devine, of Kaiapoi, New Zealand, and Cordelia Margaret Beauclerk, elder daughter of Mrs Jan Morris and stepdaughter of Mr A. H. Morris, of The Old Rectory, Alpheton, Sudbury, Suffolk. The marriage will take place soon in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Mr R. P. Taylor and Miss B. Baldwin
The engagement is announced between Russell Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Taylor, of Willowmour, St Martin's Lane, Dorchester-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Barbara (Lulu), youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Nelson Mills Baldwin, of 29 Hurlingham Gardens, London, SW6.

The Hon Henry Digby and Miss S. E. Watts
The engagement is announced between Henry, elder son of Lord and Lady Digby, of Minterne, Dorchester, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Watts, of 6 Albert Terrace Mews, London, NW1.

Mr M. H. Meijer and Miss L. M. H. Baylis
The engagement is announced between Maarten, son of Professor and Mrs R. P. Meijer, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. R. Baylis, of Highgate, London.

Mr P. V. F. Nowlan and Miss E. J. Allner
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Dr and Mrs N. V. Nowlan, of Gordon Lodge, Sandymount Road, Dublin, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. G. Allner, of 11 Jameson Road, Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

Mr N. R. Spurrier and Miss F. P. Schaefer
The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Mr and Mrs E. Spurrier, of Easton Lodge, Dunmow, Essex, and Frances, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Schaefer, of Llandogo, Gwent.

The Rev C. M. S. R. Thomas and Miss A. M. Baker
The engagement is announced between Moray, elder son of Major and Mrs C. M. Thomas, of Glade, Dene Lane, Farnham, Surrey, and Ann, elder daughter of Colonel and Mrs J. R. Baker, of Whitegates, West Dean, Salisbury.

Mr F. N. F. Pearson and Miss H. Pasley-Tyler
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Sir Frank Pearson, Bt, and Lady Pearson, of Greasingham Hall, Hornby, Lancaster, and Henrietta, daughter of Commander and Mrs Henry Pasley-Tyler, of Coton Manor, Guilsborough, Northampton.
The marriage will shortly take place in the country.

Mr R. A. Hutchinson and Miss N. M. J. Haynes
The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of the late Major R. G. Hutchinson and Mrs Hutchinson, of Vicarage Close, Bishops Nympton, north Devon, and Nheam, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. H. Haynes, of Epram House, Gibraltar.

Mr A. N. Raphael and Miss V. A. Finch
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place on October 12, between Arbold, elder son of Mr and Mrs Jack Raphael, of Surrenden Park, Brighton, and Veronica, eldest daughter of the late Mr H. H. Finch and of Mrs Finch, of Buckingham Road, Tunbridge Wells.

Mr E. A. Tokarek and Miss G. J. Finch
The engagement is announced between Edward, youngest son of Mr and Mrs M. Tokarek, of Vernon, British Columbia, Canada, and Geraldine, youngest daughter of the late Mr H. H. Finch and of Mrs Finch, of Buckingham Road, Tunbridge Wells.

Latest wills

Duchess of Sutherland leaves £602,881

The Duchess of Sutherland, of St Boswells, Borders, Westminster, and Newmarket, left £302,881 net. Miss Leonore Julia Lansburgh, of Strawberry Hill, Middlesex, left £48,480 net. After bequests of £6,100 to personal legatees she left her jewelry and other effects to the WRVS, and a quarter of the residue each to the WRVS for holidays for the disabled, to the WRVS for flats for professional women of limited means, the Ockenden Venture, and the Sue Ryder Foundation.

Professor Donald James Allan, of Oxford, professor emeritus of Greek, Glasgow University, left £99,223 net. He left his flat and contents and garage in Glasgow to Glasgow University.

Kate Knowles, of Cambridge, left £105,704 net. She left £10,000 each to Help the Aged and British Heart Foundation.

Mr Sydney William Newall, of Englefield Green, Surrey, retired accountant, left £80,369 net. After bequests totalling £20,500 and effects, he left the residue to the General Conference of the New Church, Bloomsbury Way, London, for ministers' stipends.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Hewitt, Mr Dennis Neil, of Maidenhead, solicitor .. £127,274
Pegg, Mr Arthur Dick, of Lyndhurst .. £120,440
Santini, Mr Moreno Carlo, of Chelsea, intestate .. £223,240

Marriages

Mr A. H. T. Clayton and Mrs J. M. S. Bryant
The marriage took place quietly on October 3, in Sutton, Surrey, between Mr Arthur Henry Trevor Clayton, son of the late Rev A. and Mrs Clayton, of Lichfield, and Mrs Joan Margaret Bryant, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs William Stretton, of Westminster, SW1.

Dr J. N. Hiddleston and Miss D. P. Servaes
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 30, in Woodbridge, of Dr James Hiddleston, son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Hiddleston, of Sunderland, to Miss Diana Servaes, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Servaes, of Orford. Afterwards a service of blessing was held at St Bartholomew's Church, Orford. The rector, the Rev David Wall, officiated assisted by the Rev Kenneth Sherlock. Oliver and Lucy Needham attended the bride and Dr David Needham was best man.

Mr A. P. S. Robinson and Miss S. C. Mount
The marriage between Mr Andrew Robinson and Miss Clare Mount took place in Canterbury on September 30. Afterwards a service of blessing was held in Bekesbourne church.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr A. C. Watson, lately Governor, Turks and Caicos Islands, Bahamas, to be British High Commissioner in Brunei in succession to Mr J. A. Davidson, who is to be Governor, British Virgin Islands.

Air Marshal Sir Rex Roe, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, RAF Support Command, to be promoted to the substantive rank of air chief marshal on December 1 and to become Air Member for Supply and Organization on that date, in succession to Air Marshal Sir John Nicholls, who is to become Vice-Chief of the Air Staff in succession to Air Marshal Sir Peter Terry, from January 30. Both appointments carry membership of the Air Force Board of the Defence Council.

Legal

Mr V. Ricks, aged 48, deputy Admiralty Marshal, to be Admiralty Marshal and Sergeant-at-Mace in succession to the late Mr Patrick Gray.

Mr D. W. Steel to be junior counsel to the Treasury in Admiralty matters, in succession to Mr N. A. Phillips, QC.

Mr J. J. Fordham to be a Metropolitan stipendiary magistrate from October 10.

Luncheons

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
The Lord Mayor, Colonel Alderman and Sheriff Ronald Gardner-Thorpe and officers of the Corporation of London were guests at a luncheon given yesterday at Chartered Accountants' Hall by Mr Eric C. Sayers, president and members of the council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Royal College of Surgeons of England
Mr Reginald Murley, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and Mrs Murley, yesterday entertained at luncheon at the college Mr and Mrs H. E. G. Gee, Mr Howard Hanley, Mr W. F. Davis and Dr Priscilla Piper.

Building Societies Association
The chairman of the Building Societies Association, Mr Ralph C. Snow, with Mr N. E. Griggs (secretary-general), Mr V. R. Moll and Mr J. M. P. Watling gave a luncheon party at 14 Park Street, London, W1, yesterday. The guests were Sir Ian Bancroft, Lord Gibson, Sir John Methven and Mr Michael Shanks.

Receptions

British Computer Society
The Duke of Kent, Patron of the British Computer Society, opened the new headquarters at 13 Mansfield Street, W1 yesterday. Afterwards, the president, Professor P. A. Samet, was host at a reception at which the guests included past and present office-holders of the society, members of council and representatives from industry.

Royal Town Planning Institute
The Royal Town Planning Institute held a reception yesterday evening at 26 Portland Place after the presidential address by Professor Gordon Cherry. Among those present were:
The Rev Lord Sandford, Baroness Birk, Baroness Young, Mr Guy Barnett, Mr Hugh Rossi, MP, Dr Wilfred Burns and representatives of other professional institutes, local authority associations, other public and voluntary organizations, and the press.

Airwork Services Limited
A reception to mark the fiftieth anniversary of Airwork Services Limited was held at the Intercontinental Hotel, Hyde Park Corner, SW1, yesterday. The guests, who were received by the chairman, Sir Nicholas Cayzer and Lady Cayzer, included representatives from the armed Services and the aviation industry.

Dinner

CBMPE
Mr Geoffrey Chandler, director-general of the National Economic Development Office, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of CBMPE held yesterday evening at Grosvenor House. Mr Eric Williams, chairman of CBMPE, presided. Sir John Buckley, Mr H. B. Greenborough and Mr M. M. Pennell were among those present.

Service reception

RAF Supply Branch
The RAF Supply Branch held a reception at the Ministry of Defence last night. Air Vice-Marshal H. Gill, Director-General of Supply (RAF), and Mrs Gill received the guests. Members of the Air Force Board and senior staff of the Ministry of Defence attended.

Service dinner

Sudan Defence Force
The annual dinner of the Sudan Defence Force Dinner Club was held last night at the Army and Navy Club. The president of the club, Brigadier R. H. S. Popham, presided and the vice-president, Sir Angus Gillan, was also present.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Gloucester visits Propellants, Explosives and Rocket Motor Establishment, Waltham Abbey, Essex, and Westcott, Buckinghamshire, 9.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester visits west Somerset and opens new house at St Audries School, West Quantoxhead, 10.35.

Exhibitions: Notions, original illustrations by Peter Brookes from *Radio Times* and *The Sunday Times* and magazine, The Workshop, 83 Lambs Conduit Street, 10.30-5.30.

Recitals: Organ, St Paul's Cathedral, 6; All Hallows-by-the-Tower, 12.15, 1.15; St Mary-at-Hill, 1.15. City Music Society, Bishopsgate Hall, 1.05. Contralto, piano, St Mary-le-Bow, 1.05.

Lectures: The Pier Gallery Collection, Tate Gallery, 6.15. Paolo Uccello: Decoration or geometry?, National Gallery, 1.

Memorial service: Judge Everett, QC, Gray's Inn Chapel, 4.45.

Centre for study of crippling diseases planned

A fund is to be established to develop a centre for advanced studies and research into crippling diseases. It will be attached to Manchester University's Department of orthopaedic surgery and will be known as the Sir Harry Platt Fund for Research into Crippling Diseases.

The first purpose of the fund will be to honour Sir Harry Platt, Professor Emeritus of Orthopaedic Surgey, who, the sponsors of the appeal say, "not only has made enormous contributions to British orthopaedics and British surgery, but is still vigorously interested in medical education and in research in the field of crippling diseases".

Accommodation and facilities for the research fellows will be made available in the department.

The appeal for the fund is supported by: Professor Sir Arthur Armitage, Vice-Chancellor, Manchester University; Sir George Kenyon, chairman of university council; Professor J. R. Moore, dean of medicine, Manchester; Lord Smith of Marlow, past president of the Royal College of Surgeons of England; Dr Frank E. Stinchfield, past president of the American College of Surgeons; Professor R. B. Salter, past president of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and professor of orthopaedic surgery of Toronto University; Professor C. S. B. Calasko, professor of orthopaedic surgery, Manchester.

Requiem

Pope John Paul
A sung requiem for Pope John Paul was concelebrated in Southwark Cathedral yesterday by the Very Rev Harold Frankham, provost, and canons of the cathedral. Dr Eric S. Abbott gave an address. The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Southwark was represented by Canon W. Clements.

Requiem Mass

Pope John Paul
Requiem Mass for Pope John Paul was concelebrated yesterday evening in St George's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Southwark, by Bishop C. J. Henderson, Auxiliary Bishop in Southwark, who also gave an address, and priests of the diocese.

Naval promotions

The Royal Navy announces the following half-yearly promotions; Provisional selections for promotion to commander, Royal Navy and to captain, Royal Marines to date October 1, 1978, are confirmed.

ROYAL NAVY
The following promotions on the special duties list have been approved with effect from October 1, 1978 subject to medical fitness:
LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER (seaman): G. M. Bull, W. H. Sanders, D. E. Cavaun-Derham, W. E. Berton, P. C. Morton, T. W. Pusey, E. M. Dowzer.
LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER (engineering): P. D. E. Richards, D. J. Budden, W. Wilson, M. E. F. Bromley, C. J. F. Goodman, B. A. Callan, M. J. Marsh, J. W. Hicks, P. Collingswood.
LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER (supply and secretarial): T. Richardson, S. C. Wadman, C. R. Watson.
LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER (medical services): S. Redford.
ROYAL MARINES
The following officers have been provisionally selected for promotion to date April 1, 1979.
CAPTAIN: T. M. Barton, P. J. Higginson, B. Eggleston.
WOMEN'S ROYAL NAVAL SERVICE
The following officer has been provisionally selected for promotion to date April 1, 1979.
CHIEF OFFICER: P. M. Williams.
The following promotions have been approved with effect from October 1, 1978.
FIRST OFFICER: J. J. Wray Bliss, K. M. Hardie.
SECOND OFFICER: A. Robbins, V. J. Waters, M. H. B. Simpson, E. Burton, M. E. J. Heath, A. E. Cronin, E. Morris, E. H. Murgan, C. A. Cartwright, O. M. Barge, S. M. Walker, P. J. Nicholl, L. J. Reader.

£100,000 winner

The October £100,000 Premium Savings Bond prize has been won by number 6RF 667322. The winner lives in Cambridgeshire. The £25,000 prize has been won by number 13RP 300679. The winner lives in Surrey.

OBITUARY

MR MAURICE RICHARDSON

Reviewer, short story writer and novelist

Julian Symons writes:

Maurice Richardson, who died on September 25 at the age of 71, could be the wittiest of talkers and the most delightful of companions. His wit was frequently based on fantasy, so that a story about the amorous affairs of some joint friend might be supported by a mass of detail, each item in itself convincing, but building up to a point involving the Lord Chief Justice or an Archbishop at which it became clear that the whole story was a fantasy worthy of Sir Edmund Backhouse. But Maurice could also be funny about serpents, or petty criminals, or his own experiences under psychoanalysis, or Communist Party bosses (he had at one time a splendid series of anti-Palme Dutt jokes), or a dozen other subjects. He could be serious too, about books he had read and writers he had known, although one had to be careful of accepting everything he said. Fantasy kept creeping in.

Maurice began as a novelist, and produced more work between covers than is generally realized. There were three novels in the thirties, *My Bones Will Keep*, the extremely funny *A Strong Man Needed* and *The Bad Companions*, which contains a fine political rallying slogan appealing for the nationalization of women. The surrealist science fiction stories in *The Exploits of Engelbrecht* are prized by connoisseurs and were recently reprinted. His book on wartime experiences in the Fire Service was very lively, and so were his prep school memories, *Little Victims*. But he made a living from journalism, and the best of his journalism reflects more nearly the flavour of his conversation. He was the doyen of crime fiction critics, and any year of the 40 he spent as *The Observer's* crime reviewer would yield a fine harvest of witty remarks, as well as a small crop of errors that sprang from habitual carelessness. He was the first, and some would say the best, of the television critics who have taken the medium seriously while remaining aware that much of what appears on the screen belongs to what he named "the repertory of rot". His most astonishing journalistic achievement, however, was that of writing the magazine *Lilliput* for a time almost singlehanded, using half a dozen different pseudonyms for writing knowledgeable articles about a variety of subjects.

It would be wrong not to say that there was another side to Maurice. He could be as erratic and difficult at times as his friend and fellow-wit John Davenport. But his temperament was always generous, and the image I retain of him most clearly is a typical one: that of an unexpected meeting in the street when a wide smile showed on his tough boxer's face, and he advanced on me with arms flung wide in greeting.

PROFESSOR L. F. RUSHBROOK WILLIAMS

Professor L. F. Rushbrook Williams, CBE, who died on October 1 at the age of 88, played many parts in relation to public affairs, more especially in respect to India and her neighbours. They included a period of professorship at the University of Allahabad, service of the Government of India in publicity matters, close association with Ruling Princes of India both individually and collectively, active participation in Information and Censorship in the Second World War, a period of eleven years from 1944 to 1955 as a specialist and leader writer on the staff of *The Times*, the authorship of a number of books based on wide travel, and much magisterial work in Hampshire.

Laurence Frederic Rushbrook Williams came of Cornish stock and was born on July 10, 1890. In 1909 he was Linton Exhibitioner at University College, Oxford. Three years later he was both Plumptre and Gladstone Memorial Prizeman. He took First Class in the Final Honour School of Modern History. In 1913 he graduated B.Litt. For seven years from 1914 he was a Fellow of All Souls College. In 1913-14 he had brief experience of life in Canada as Lecturer in Mediaeval History at Queens University.

Rushbrook, as his friends usually called him had his first experience in India in 1914 when he was appointed Professor of Modern Indian History at the University of Allahabad. Though this post covered an educational service of only four years he was known all his life as Professor Rushbrook Williams.

In 1918 he began a long spell of Secretariat service at Delhi by being placed on special duty in connection with the problems of constitutional reform. In the following year he was transferred to the Home Department. For six years from 1920 he was Director of the Central Bureau of Information. In this capacity and after he wrote no less than eight annual reviews of public events in continuance of the Moral and Material Progress Reports which had previously been prepared at the India Office in Whitehall.

Rushbrook was secretary to the Indian Delegation to the Imperial Conference in 1923, and in 1925 he was substitute delegate to the League of Nations Assembly. He was made OBE in 1919 and advanced to CBE four years later. In 1924-25 he was a member of the Legislative Assembly at Delhi. Next Rushbrook turned his versatile gifts to the service of Indian Ruling Princes, both individually and collectively. In 1925 he was selected by the late Maharaja of Patiala, Sir Bhupindar Singh, to be his Foreign Secretary. During the Maharaja's Chancellorship of the short lived Chamber of Princes from 1926, Rushbrook was secretary to the chamber and held the position for four years. In 1930-31 he was Adviser to the Indian States Delegation to the Round Table Conference in London. In the following year he was substitute Delegate to the Second Session of the Conference. His services to the Princely Order included the headship for a considerable period of an office for the purposes of public relations and propaganda in support of the rights, privileges, and governing authority of the then rulers over about one-third of the subcontinent.

In the Second World War Rushbrook rendered valuable service to the Allied cause, first as Adviser in Middle Eastern Affairs to the Ministry of Information and from 1941 as Director of the Eastern Service of the BBC.

For 11 years after the war Rushbrook was on the editorial staff of *The Times* as a special writer on Asian affairs. He was quick and thorough in receiving editorial directions and in the adaptation of his writing to the changing conditions of the day and hour. The three editors under whom he served held his work in high regard. Soon after settling at Silchester, where he lived for a number of years, Rushbrook was called to the magisterial bench, and was chairman of the Petty Sessions of the Basingstoke division.

He had a long record in authorship. First he collaborated with J. K. Fotheringham, in writing *Marco Sanudo, or the Conquest of the Archipelago*. Then came a *History of the Abbey of St Albans*. He compiled a detailed account of events in India during the Viceroyalty of Lord Chelmsford, as also of the tour in that country of the then Prince of Wales (later the Duke of Windsor). After his retirement from *The Times* he and his wife travelled to Israel, India and Pakistan as guests of their respective governments. He wrote a book on the progress of Israel. His visits to India and Pakistan provided material for lectures at Chatham House, to the Pakistan Society at Overseas House and elsewhere. His *The Black Hills: Kutch in History and Legend* (1958) provides a fascinating story of that unique principality from the earliest days to its present position as part of the Bombay State.

His *The State of Pakistan* (1962) was well received and a revised edition was published in 1966. *The East Pakistan Tragedy* came out in 1972; *Sufi Studies East and West* in 1973; and *Pakistan Under Challenge* in 1975. the year in which he edited *A Handbook for Travellers in India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka*.

Rushbrook could not have played so many parts with remarkable success without the constant support and secretarial support of his wife, whom he married in 1923, Freda May, daughter of Frederick H. Chance. They had two sons and a daughter.

PROFESSOR FRANCIS AYLWARD

Professor Francis Aylward who was Professor of Food Science in the University of Reading from 1968 to 1976, died on September 28, aged 67.

A Liverpool University graduate (BSc first-class honours in Chemistry, PhD in Biochemistry, DSc), Aylward held fellowships at the Hannah Dairy Research Institute and at Johns Hopkins University, before working at the Universities of Liverpool and of Manchester and, during the war, for ICI Ltd.

In 1947 he became Head of the Department of Chemistry and Food Technology at the Borough Polytechnic; for the year 1950-51 he was Guest Lecturer at MIT. In 1960 he became Food and Agricultural organization adviser on foods and nutrition to the Government of Ghana, setting up and serving for a year as Professor and Head of the Department of Biochemistry, Nutrition and Food Science at the University of Ghana. In 1962 he was appointed Director of the Food and Nutrition Project in Poland supported by the United Nations Special Fund. He returned to Britain in 1965 as Director of the Fruit and Vegetable Preservation Research Association, Chipping Camden, and then in 1968 was appointed as the first Professor of Food Science at Reading University.

Aylward's research interests revolved round the nutritional aspects of food and he produced more than 100 publications on proteins, lipids and allied subjects. He was also committed to the view that advanced educational institutions have a duty towards the developing countries. All this agreed well with traditions and attitudes at Reading and he built up the biggest post-graduate school of food science in Europe. In addition to leading the teaching and research of a growing Department he continued to act as consultant to United Nations Bodies on food and nutrition problems and played a very active role in many of the university's affairs. In particular he served as chairman of the Overseas Service Committee.

He served on the FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Nutrition in 1970 and he had just completed his term as a member of the Council of the Society of Chemical Industry (of which he was for a time Vice-President). He was a member of the Council and Programmes Committee of the Nutrition Society, and of the Food Additives and Contaminants Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. He was more than ever active in such fields after retiring from his university post in 1976, and he was elected in 1977 as a fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists—one of only six such fellows from outside the United States. He had recently been appointed one of the eight members of the United Nations Advisory Group on Nutrition and was engaged in cooperating with UNEDO in regional services of food industries in the developing countries attending its consultative committee in Vienna in August.

He was a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church and in 1951 he had been appointed a Knight of St Gregory.

On the occasion of his "retirement" in 1976 after which he was made Professor Emeritus, tributes were paid by many former students now engaged in the food industry at home and abroad, and in international agencies and educational establishments all over the world. He is survived by his widow, Nora, whom he married in 1947, and two daughters.

MISS EVELYN BERCKMAN

Miss Evelyn Berckman, who died on September 18, wrote more than 20 novels of suspense which displayed an unfailing sense of drama coupled with a splendidly cynical view of human nature. Her best novels were probably *A Simple Case of Ill-Will*, *No Known Grave* and the classic *Stalemate*. She was also a redoubtable naval historian, and produced a well-received biography of St Vincent, as well as three books of more specialized interest, *The Hidden Navy*, *Creators and Destroyers of the British Navy*, and *Victims of Piracy*, which will be published posthumously.

Evelyn Berckman was born in Philadelphia, but had lived in London since 1960. In her youth, she had been a distinguished concert pianist and composer. She was a complete iconoclast and despiser of humbug. She always called a spade a spade, and expected her friends to do likewise. To some, she could appear prickly, even possibly acerbic, but she was in reality warm-hearted, generous and loyal, a passionate lover of animals, bridge, thrillers, Charles II and the idiosyncrasies of life. Her reputation as a writer was never as high as it should have been, but, typically, such a state of affairs never gave her a moment's worry.

THE HON TORFRIDA ROLLO

The Hon Torfrida Rollo, who died on October 2 was trained at Guy's Hospital where she was a ward sister and home sister and later she served at Birmingham General Hospital where she was assistant matron and deputy matron. She saw war service in the F.A.N.Y.

The daughter of the Hon Eric Rollo she was born in 1891.

University news

Leeds
Mr J. M. Barnard, senior lecturer, school of English, has been apointed to a chair of English literature.

Dundee
Grants
Science Research Council: £18,430 to Dr J. A. Raven for research into the mechanism of inorganic carbon entry and assimilation in algae; £18,639 to Dr Raven for research into PH regulation in land plats in relation to long distance transport; £16,679 to Professor W. D. P. Stewart for research into the role of phytohaemagglutinins (lectins) in N2-fixing symbiosis between nitro-green algae and cnkaryotes; £26,950 to Dr A. P. Cracknell, for research into the multispectral scanning of the North Sea from satellites and correlation with sea truth data.
Scottish Home and Health Department: £36,000 to Professor G. Murdoch and D. N. Condie to study the problem of handicapped people whose needs are not met by conventional wheelchair designs; £142,156 to Professor G. C. Cowley for his work with the Dental Health Services Research Group.
Social Work Services Group: £18,969 to Professor E. Mapstone to study the roles of staff in voluntary organizations concerned with personal social services in Scotland.

Meeting

Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies
The inaugural meeting for the 1978-79 programme of the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies was held yesterday at the institute. Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough was in the chair and Mr Edward Streator gave an address on behalf of the American Ambassador. Others present included:
The Ambassador of Norway, the Ambassador of The Netherlands, the Ambassador of Iceland, the Danish Ambassador, Sir Patrick Dean, General Sir Hugh Beach, Major-General Sir Philip Ward, the Dean of Windsor, Vice-Admiral James Eberle, Vice-Admiral E. B. Scholfield, Rear-Admiral Andrew Robertson, Major-General David Alexander, Air Vice-Marshal John Curtiss, Dr Christoph Bertram, Mr David Watt, Mr Neville Trotter, MP, Mr James Dobbin, Mr John Terraine, Brigadier P. Hayward, Group Captain D. Bolton and Colonel Jesse, USAF.

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NEW BOOKS

The baggy elephant

Zola
By Joanna Richardson
(Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £10)

Emile Zola's name first became generally known in England, according to the time-honoured custom, when his books were prosecuted for obscenity in 1888, and he was safely secured for a generation on the best-seller lists. (By 1911, 19 of his books had sold over 100,000 copies in England; and two of these over 200,000—one of which, *naturellement*, was *Nana*.) D. H. Lawrence, who was a nice judge in such matters, summed up the reservations of many critics, including Henry James, when he wrote in 1928 that "the base of the charge against Zola is that he made his people too often merely physical-functional arrangements, physically and materially functioning without any 'higher' nature. Even the greatest of Zola's works—*Germinal*, the mining novel; *La Terre*, the farming novel; *Nana*, the seducing novel ("Babylonian!" said Flaubert)—remain open to the objection that they are fundamentally brutal, materialistic, and deny the freedoms of the individual human spirit (even the unacted freedoms, to aspire, to dream): and this, rather than explicit sexuality, is the true burden of obscenity. It is also the true criticism of Naturalism, a theory which Zola adopted as a journalist and brilliant publicist, but which subsequently hung round his fiction like a millstone for 40 years.

In the 1950s there was a tentative revival of serious Zola study. In France after a long campaign, *Germinal* got placed for the first time on the University syllabus for *Agrégation* (degree and Dip Ed); and Seuil issued *Zola par Lui-Même* (1952) in their famous series, which is a form of minor beatification. In England, Professor E. W. J. Hemmings published an authoritative study under the auspices of Oxford University Press (1953), announcing that "Zola was the first of those who raised sociology to the dignity of art"; the young Angus Wilson wrote a fine intuitive monograph (1952) and Penguin Classics took over the flag from Elek Books and began an entirely new set of translations.

Yet for a biographer, even for such an old hand as Joanna Richardson, Zola's popularity presents formidable problems. The essential difficulty (as with those other "baggy elephants" of nineteenth-century prose—Tolstoy, Balzac, Dickens) is that the fictional life of the novels so dauntingly outweighs the real life of the novelist. It is, so to speak, the old problem of Balzac's coffee-pot. (Though this *can* be solved by one of those rare conjunctions like Henri Troyat and *Tolstoy*, 1965). By comparison with the vast world of Second Empire France encompassed in the 20 novels of the Rougon-Macquart cycle, Zola's private life offers so pitifully little purchase, such scant materials for interpretation. The broken friendship with Paul Cézanne; the jolly dinner parties of Le Ginq at the Café Riche (Zola, Flaubert, Goncourt, Daudet, Turgenev—the waiters dismissed in case they were *épatés* by the indelicate conversation); the troubled, childless and silent marriage partnership with Alexandrine; the brief dramatic explosion of the Dreyfus affair (exiled Zola bicycling and watching the cricket at Weybridge): what are these as penlights to shine into the 78 volumes of manuscripts which Zola prepared over 25 years of quiet daily writing and research—*nulla dies sine linea* in gold over the study mantlepiece at Médan—and which now reside implacably at the *Bibliothèque Nationale*?

In her efficient but somewhat monotone account of *Zola's external existence*, interspersed with near little plot-summaries and mild critical asides (in which one may detect a certain scholarly distaste for the whole affair), it is noticeable how often Joanna Richardson returns to Zola's house at Médan, as if desperately searching for some clue to the inner mechanism. She has come up with some new papers (the Ogden Mss) referring to an early pre-Dreyfus scandal, but which on inspection do not deeply involve Zola. She makes what she can of the late romance with the laundry-girl Jeanne Rozerot (who bore Zola two delightful children), linking her with the early erotic dream of a girl in a Greuze portrait, "La Cruche Casée". However, she rather spoils the intended poetic effect by concluding with a pat phychological diagnosis: "Zola's love-affair had brought the end of his creative literary powers. Claude Roy maintains, no doubt correctly, that it was Freud who offered the key to the Rougon-Macquart. It was not, as Zola believed, the theory of heredity, but sublimation: Zola had rediscovered life because he had refused it, and this life of art deserted him when real life took hold of him. For Zola, the appearance of Jeanne also coincided with the decline of Naturalism." And a good thing, too, perhaps?

One also misses any attempt to recreate the Aix-en-Provence childhood, the secret Provençal brotherhood of Zola, Baille and Cézanne, the source surely of so much poetry and energy and ambition. For Emile is already 21 on page 11 and writing furiously by solitary candlelight on the boulevard Montparnasse.

What odd clues do emerge, seem to slip tantalizingly through Joanna Richardson's fingers. One tiny example: Zola lovingly set up a farm at Médan, and later wrote: "They say that there are people who don't love animals. . . . Who can say that he does not love them, since he needs them so as not to feel alone, terrified and desperate?" This extraordinarily arresting remark goes by quite without comment. Yet doesn't it say something very revealing about Zola's unhappiness and loneliness in his work? And couldn't it be made to relate directly to his fictional use of animals—the goats and cattle of *La Terre*, the noble and almost articulately suffering pit-ponies of *Germinal*? And couldn't that be related, in turn, to Lawrence's comment about the lack of "higher" nature in the novels as a whole?

Richard Holmes



Zola, from *Vallotton : Graphics*, introduced and edited by Ashley St. James (Ash & Grant, £5.95 and £2.95).

Fiction

Chesapeake
By James A. Michener
(Secker & Warburg, £5.90)

Paradise and its depletion has always been a seductive fiction for American novelists, and Michener approaches his sequestered Chesapeake landscape with some of the innocent joy of Hawthorne upon the heels of Natty Bumppo. It is a massive novel, with 400 years of brutal history to cover, and a complex weave of family destinies to chronicle; but it is the magical river, with its ancient abundance of fish and herons and geese, whose life we are invited to celebrate. All its settlers are in flight; from the first runaway Indian, to the shamed Nixon aide, just out of jail, returning to his family's old home near the close. Few readers will find the later sections of the book as moving as the early passages.

The book begins slyly at the time of tribal epic, with the Choptank, who have survived many doughtier enemies by the simple principle of retreating from the pleasanter parts of their territory into deep swamp whenever faced by the need to defend themselves. The riches of their natural inheritance are of such succulence and beauty, however, that it is only a matter of time before a Great Canoe from across the salty Atlantic itself brings opponents who neither can nor will depart as they have come. Catholics first, and Quakers soon enough after, they settle and build and destroy.

It is a strange, moody book; its stories of whippings and ducklings, revolutions and civil war told always against the changes of the seasons. The fate of the Choptank Indians is summarized towards the end of the book without surprise: "We married some, we shot some, the rest we starved." Of the settlers, the most memorable are the women.

It is sometimes easy to forget in thinking about the violence of contemporary movements of Women's Lib in America what an ancient American myth is the woman whose raw masculinity is not only her strength, but her glory. What survivors they were, those Quaker ladies, who let their flesh be whipped from their back! They had a stamina that took them through long widowhood into their stringy eighties, and even then they could appear to bare their wrinkled old breasts as testimony against the wrongful whipping of others.

I didn't much care for Michener's biology of "good blood", or the care some of his most favoured characters take not to let the wrong sort get mixed up in the propagation of it; but it is a "good blood" of courage and intelligence he has in mind, and he recognizes it in a tough Black slave woman, and her defiant descendants in goal in the Sixties.

It has to be said that few of the men in the book are more than puny. And there are some inappropriate episodes, including a Quaker mission to Hitler to ransom 40,000 Jews in 1938. Moreover since the end of the novel deals largely with the history of dissolution and decay, the magic of swamp and wildlife dies quietly out of it.

Nevertheless, it is a long while since I have read a novel which could only have come from that American rural tradition, which had seemed to have spun itself out.

Elaine Feinstein

Rumours of Rain
By André Brink
(W. H. Allen, £5.95)

No individual represents the characteristics or attitudes of any nation, but Martin Mynhardt, the anti-hero in André Brink's third novel, *Rumours of Rain*, often generalizes about himself and "his people" when he is promoting his own interests; he is an Afrikaner, a prosperous, middle-aged entrepreneur, and counteracting him throughout this wonderfully refreshing novel is another Afrikaner, Bernard Franken, whose anti-apartheid work and life in South Africa is dedicated to reinstating Afrikaners as advocates and fighters for justice, which was partly what the Boer War was about. These two friends with similar backgrounds choose opposite extremes—Bernard leads a group of urban guerrillas and Martin, chairman of the mining section of the Afrikaans Institute of Commerce, leads apartheid delegations and economic negotiations around the world.

It is a pity that the book's blurb refers to Afrikaners (about 1,750,000 people) as "that paradoxical species", which seems like reciprocal racism that is not Mr Brink's approach. I'll mention here, too, that I was born in South Africa and, during the post-Sharpeville state of emergency in 1960, when I was a correspondent for the *New York Post* and the London *Daily Herald*, I was briefly imprisoned, as were thousands, without charge or trial; I don't accept any form of racism and I applaud Mr Brink's honest novel which shows, I think, that Martin Mynhardt's choice would, most of the time, be found in many countries. ("Without cynicism", he says, "one had no hope of retaining one's hold on reality.")

He writes his story in a London hotel after his delegation to the United Nations Association withdraws from a meeting. Concerned about a weekend just before the Soweto uprising in 1976, which was during a drought-stricken South African winter that Mr Brink also uses metaphorically, Martin re-examines a visit he made at that time to his mother's farm in the Eastern Cape. He has sold the family place for an excessive sum in a dodgy deal with a Cabinet minister, and in two to three days on the farm he opposes his mother's will to stay with the black workers; he disassociates himself from his friend Bernard who is imprisoned for life; he rejects his 19-year-old son who hated fighting for white South Africa in Angola; he denigrates his father who was an economically unsuccessful history teacher; he stumbles through the bush (he is literally as well as symbolically shortsighted), convinced that he is pursued by "The Kaffir" of his childhood fantasies who will "get him" unless he always shows he is boss; he decides to sack his black manager, and then his Italian-German mistress. Is arrested after the Soweto riots. It's a busy weekend.

But what might be technically over-eventful is a brilliant achievement through Mr Brink's well-paced urgency. He develops several complex black and white characters who are intellectually, politically, socially and financially at war with each other, who are over-aware of being regarded as historical symbols, and who remain emotionally entrenched with each other. His feeling for landscape, bush, hunted buck, is not lyrical but is described as if he is analysing his entrails: He depicts Martin's tragic and immoral isolationism accurately yet the main strengths of this novel are that he studies rather than evades destructive terrors that become near-addictions, and he writes of the loveless with just fear, hope and generosity.

Myrna Blumberg

Nine and sixty ways

Rudyard Kipling
By Lord Birkenhead
(Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £7.95)
Rudyard Kipling
His Life and Work
By Charles Carrington
(Macmillan, £8.95)

Most people must by now be aware that immediately after the Second World War, Mrs Bambridge, Kipling's only surviving child, commissioned the second Lord Birkenhead to write her father's biography and three years later suppressed it. She had seen only a first draft, but refused to discuss the possibility of amendment. In 1960 Lord Birkenhead "made an extensive revision" of the book and asked permission to publish, again declaring his willingness to alter. She would not even read it. Now that both Mrs Bambridge and Lord Birkenhead are dead, this revised version is published. At the same time, there is a new and revised edition of Charles Carrington's biography, which Mrs Bambridge commissioned after rejecting Lord Birkenhead's.

No grisly secrets are revealed in Lord Birkenhead's book—and it seems very doubtful whether there were any even in the first draft. She did not like it and T. S. Eliot expressed a fastidious dissatisfaction. And thereupon Mrs Bambridge resolutely closed her mind. She had the author bound hand and foot in what must surely be one of the most outrageous contracts any writer ever signed. He had made over the entire rights to Mrs Bambridge and was himself to receive only one third of the proceeds; he was to show her sections as he wrote them and omit anything to which she objected; he was to visit the United States at his own expense and not to visit South Africa or India without "her consent. All the same, we owe it to her resolute obstinacy that we have two biographies.

There have been many books about Kipling, but most of them are in the main interpretations of his work; there are only these two concentrated on the life and written with full access to the documents controlled by Mrs Bambridge. They are both good biographies. They describe the same man, they tell the same story—but: "There are nine-and-sixty ways of constructing tribal lays And every single one of them is right!" Of course, two men going through the same documents will quote different passages and there is a good deal that is fresh in the new one. Lord Birkenhead had an advantage in being closer to the period when he wrote and in personal knowledge, through his father, of some of Kipling's contemporaries. Carrington on the other hand is an historian and he relates the events of Kipling's life more firmly to a wider historical background. Carrington is more judicial and comprehensive; Birkenhead is sometimes more vivid. Carrington is more interested in Kipling's early relations with women, particularly with Flo Garrard—a dream girl whom Birkenhead dismisses as "a dreary *allumeuse*"—and with Ted Hill, a substitute mother to whom for a long time he wrote every day. Carrington is more successful at knitting the stories and poems to incidents—for example the strange depression the Kiplings felt in the house near Torquay which he later embodied in the story *The House Surgeon*. Carrington is more soaked in his subject and has lived in Kipling's prose and verse all his life.

On the other hand, Birkenhead is more outspoken about Mrs Kipling's jealous guardianship. "A vigilant and unrelenting Cerberus", he calls her, even as early as in the Brattleboro days, and later, at Bateman's, he says that her "rigorous control" produced "a steadily deteriorating conjugal relationship". Carrington is more delicate, quoting observers who noted Rudyard's invariable submission but also Hugh Walpole who observed that "she is the only real person here to him". Birkenhead is also more outspoken about those aspects of Kipling that have so often disgusted even those who admire his best work. "I don't suppose you could prevent a Liberal from lying any more than you could stop a little dog lifting up his leg against a lamp post", Kipling wrote to his friend Gwynne of *The Morning Post*. These are differences of emphasis only, but there is one fundamental distinction between the two approaches. Carrington was already 17 when war broke out in 1914; he was in the trenches; he can look at the Brushwood Boy with Kipling's own eyes. Those who reached military age after 1918 belong to another generation; we have lost something Kipling and Carrington both had and we cannot quite believe in the Brushwood Boy.

Each biography complements the other but neither of them explains how so much that was odious came to be combined in one man with so much that was both profound and superb.

Philip Mason

Also just published, an omnibus of Kipling's work including *Kim*, *The Just So Stories*, *Stalky & Co*, *Puck of Pook's Hill*, *Rewards and Fairies*, *The Jungle Book*, and *The Second Jungle Book* (Heinemann, £4.95).

Coat-trailing

Britain
A Future that Works
By Bernard D. Nossiter
(André Deutsch, £5.95)
1985
By Anthony Burgess
(Hutchinson, £4.95)

Happy the country that has no history. But what about the country that has too much history? Where politicians, civil servants, journalists, industrialists, seem chained and manacled by what was done before? Where there are always more reasons *not* to do something, than to do it?

Two coat-trailing books have come out simultaneously which try to turn us from the past. They look at the prospects for the land that Bunyan's Sloth could have given a motto to: "Yet a little more sleep."

Bernard Nossiter's *Britain: A Future that Works* reworks his material as *Washington Post* correspondent in London. It's a trumpet-blowing exercise: for us, not for him. It's a bit like all those books and articles by Americans and English on the cultural charm of Third and Fourth Republic France. If the English are idle, why then do they have an "empire of the spirit"? No need for publishers to commission an English translation of the German handbook, *How to Protect Yourself from Pressure to Perform*. We can watch the swans cruising again on the Thames, or go along to see Elizabethan dramas at the Aldwych.

I rather like the idea of this island as a permanent Bartholomew Fair. It would do us no harm to put our Puritan consciences back in the cupboard for a while. Nossiter's line amounts to saying: If your history is nice, lie back and enjoy it.

One problem, of course, if you live in a tourist area, is that several million others come to enjoy it, too. But maybe Oxford Street is just this era's equivalent of a Dark Satanic Mill and we just have to live with it.

A bigger problem is that different people come up with rival readings of the same data. In *1985*, Anthony Burgess has much the same premise as Nossiter: that Britain is a country destined for quiescence. But he emerges with not a sort of utopia, but a cacatopia.

Burgess never writes a dull book. But his is undoubtedly a ragbag: a jumble sale of good and not so good ideas. Some sharp essays on Orwell's *1984* take up half the space. Then there is a neo-*Clockwork Orange* story, updating Orwell's horrorshow.

For Burgess, the key to *1984* is 1948. Attlee's England didn't just mean the heroic founding of the NHS, but also the dreariness of rationing and continual exhortation. The hero of Burgess's tale of "TUC-land" is, called Bev—evoking the Trinity of Beveridge, Bevin and Bevan, as Winston Smith evoked Churchill.

Living out there in Monaco, Burgess seems to have been reading too many newspaper editorials. The starting point for his demonic portrait seems to be all that nostalgic stuff about ungovernable Britain, which has now faded.

His storyline springs partly from the Britain of the firemen's strike: Bev's wife dies early on, when her hospital ward burns down, undoused. But partly, also, from the Soviet Union. Revolt against the mindless syndicalism of 1985 is fed by traditional values. The schools teach nothing: so the rebel yobbos take refuge in Latin—and Christianity. "We must cultivate our Hesperides," says Burgess—our Gardens of the West.

Where do Nossiter and Burgess meet, this side of infinity?

First, in thinking that it matters what future this country has. Burgess even maintains that we have always "blazed the major trails of social change". The language is more that of leader writing than of literature, but I see what he means.

Second, and most bizarrely, they meet in the red-handed land of Ulster.

The most powerful pages in Nossiter are a brilliant and depressing analysis of the Northern Irish morass. Somehow this is excluded from his optimism.

This is the land that is closest to Burgess's dark vision. The shots that killed a wildfowler in the night this week are like the random killings that punctuate TUC-land. And Ulster is the way it is because of the famous Protestant workers' strike. No mainland strike has ever had this effect on the state.

Perhaps both Nossiter and Burgess imply that England is one thing, with one future; and that odd entity called "Britain" is another, and may have none.

Paul Barker

The Hill of Evil Counsel
By Amos Oz
(Chatto & Windus, £5.50)

Has anyone else written of British occupying troops in this way? "The soldiers, three thin young men in khaki shorts and army socks up to their knees, stood pressed in the doorway as if ready to vanish at the slightest hint that they were not wanted."

They were in Jerusalem and they did of course leave in May 1948. In this collection of three short novels set in Jerusalem before and after the British departure, Amos Oz, one of Israel's leading writers, daringly penetrates the awesome verbiage that usually protects this subject. He gently insists on truthfulness; he likes a lot of people, including Arabs, and says so; and he writes with an acute enjoyment of different styles of humour. Mr Oz is one of the greatest prose writers in contemporary fiction, recreating nuances of atmosphere and psychology in a graphic sentence or the use of pristine phrases; and he has worked together with Nicholas de Lange on the magnificent translation here.

A young character, Uri, in his second and third stories, says, "Surely everything is war. That's how it is in history, in the Bible, in nature, and in real life, too. And love is all war. Friendship, too, even". Mr Oz himself, though, has a lasting gift for reconciliation. The book's title *The Hill of Evil Counsel* was in fact the Jerusalem address of the British High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief; it's also said to be where the Pharisees conferred and one wonders how the British authorities came to decide on a palace there. In the first story, a quiet Silesian vet, Dr Hans Kipnis, and his restless, beautiful Polish wife are invited to a May ball at the palace after Dr Kipnis treats the High Commissioner's sister-in-law for her migraine (the vet is mistaken for a doctor). There's a glimpse of the real High Commissioner, Sir Alan Cunningham, and other real officials and philosophers mingle with fictitious characters. Scenes with a version of a dreamy Jewish Cinderella are touchingly unromantic, and the observations in this tale are wry, ferocious and, finally, patient.

The most moving story is the last, called "Longing" where a Viennese chemist tries to turn the boy Uri away from the vengeance of his Cossack Bible teacher. The chemist, who is about 40, is dying and writes a series of good humoured love letters to a woman who has left him; tender with multiple meanings, he annotates like a timeless formula "the simple, searing, trivial things" that he longs to bequeath to her and Uri. Mr Oz excels at the agitated, glowing energy of someone dying unwillingly but reaching for the essence of optimism.

Myrna Blumberg

Reviews of Paperbacks of the Month on Saturday include Richard Holmes on The Art of Memory by Frances A. Yates; Jan Stephens on eminent Victorians; Caroline Moorehead on novels by Renata Adler, Thomas Keneally and Stephen Vizinczey; Ray Gosling on The Saint by Leslie Charteris and others; Stewart Perowne on Byron by Leslie Marchand.

Reviews next week include Michael Ratcliffe on The Diaries of Cosima Wagner; John Russell Taylor on a life of Joe Orton; Peta Fordham on the memoirs of Sir Robert Mark; David Pryce-Jones on The Flounder by Gunter Grass.

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Japan cuts vehicle shipments to Britain this month by 10,000

Tokyo, Oct 4.—Japanese car exports to Britain will be cut substantially this month in an effort to keep total 1978 shipments down to last year's level, the International Trade and Industry Ministry said today.

Exports will be cut to about 10,000 cars from the monthly average of around 13,000 earlier this year, it said.

Japanese vehicle exports to Britain in the first eight months rose 14.5 per cent to 108,000, compared with the same period in 1977, Trade Ministry officials said.

Nissan, which exports Datsun cars, said the latest move followed a strong request from the Trade Ministry to ensure that Japan fulfils its pledge to hold down exports to Britain to last year's level of 151,000.

Last week Sir Michael Willford, the British Ambassador, complained to Mr Toshio Komoto, the Minister for International Trade and Industry, that there had been an increased flow of Japanese vehicles to the British market.

Japan's biggest car maker, Toyota, said its October exports would be 13,000 instead of the normal 2,000. Nissan said it would ship only 1,500 cars, down from a monthly average of 7,500.

Honda said it would export only about 350 vehicles, while Mitsubishi Motor Corporation, Toyo Kogyo Company and Fuji Heavy Industries, said they planned no exports at all this month.

Nissan said the Japanese groups had not yet decided on what action to take after October. But it said shipments would have to be restricted somehow to offset increased exports to Britain in the first eight months of this year.—Reuter.

Steelmakers want an end to pact with Community

From Peter Hill
Colorado Springs

Japanese steelmakers are expected to be reluctant to renew the formal voluntary restraint agreement on their shipments to the EEC next year. Under the provision of the existing pact, Japanese exports of principal bulk steel products to the community are subject to a ceiling of 1.3 million tons. But the effect of the Commission's programme for stabilizing the Community steel industry through price and import controls, coupled with the continued strength of the yen, has meant that Japanese shipments to Europe this year may be only about 700,000 tons.

Mr Hiroshi Saito, President of Nippon Steel, told a press conference here that he was unable to say definitely whether or not Japan would renew the existing arrangement with the EEC.

He acknowledged, however, that a number of Japanese steelmakers considered that renewal of the restraint agreement was superfluous in view of the prevailing exchange rate for the yen and the Community's own measures.

Mr Saito, speaking during the annual conference of the International Iron and Steel Institute, of which he is chairman, also ruled out any immediate retaliation against European producers in the American market.

He admonished "those others" (clearly referring to Europe and Third countries) who had sought to boost their exports to America while Japan had faithfully observed America's trigger price mechanism designed to reduce the level of imports. As a result Japanese shipments were down by 20 per cent from last year. "It is deplorable that other countries cannot achieve the same thing", he added.

But beneath the statesmanlike comments of Mr Saito, Japan is very worried by the formula used in arriving at and administering the trigger price system which is based on Japanese production costs. The continued appreciation of the yen against the dollar is causing big problems.

If the existing formula for quarterly revision of the trigger mechanism continued into the first quarter of next year, Mr Saito said that the net result would be that Japanese exports would be all but shut out of the American market.

As an alternative to the trigger system, he suggested a regime similar to that of the EEC's basic price system which would sever the tie between floor prices and fluctuations of the yen.

Joint Craft Committee formed at BL Cars

First steps towards the creation of a new and powerful negotiating body for 14,000 skilled workers employed by BL Cars were taken yesterday. They will ultimately bring together the 3,000 Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers toolmakers led by Mr Roy Fraser, and 11,000 craftsmen from nine other unions.

Representatives of both sides met in Birmingham and agreed to form a BL Cars Joint Craft Committee. Mr Fraser will be its first chairman.

He said at a press conference: "I shall be making an approach to management within a matter of days asking them to meet representatives of the new committee. We are seeking a common rate of pay for all craftsmen."

It is understood that the main aim is to mount pressure on BL for creation of a new wage grade for skilled workers.

Mr Fraser was at pains to point out, however, that at this stage his toolroom committee was not amalgamating with the crafts committee. That was something for the future. At present they had simply formed a body to liaise on their joint aspirations.

He said the possible creation of a separate union for skilled workers had not been discussed. But he did admit that he was in regular contact with groups of skilled workers employed by other motor manufacturers.

Mr Mick Walker, secretary of the BL Cars Joint Craft Committee and an electrician at Longbridge, said skilled workers everywhere were being forgotten by their unions who were "playing the numbers game".

He added: "In small numbers we have no chance of making our voice heard but when we speak for 14,000 key workers management will have to listen".

He was reluctant, however, to commit craftsmen to any specific action if Mr Fraser's toolroom committee calls for an all-out strike when it meets on Saturday.

He said if a strike was called it would be necessary to hold mass meetings of craftsmen to consider how best to express their support for the toolmakers. It could be in the form of financial assistance or direct action.

Mr Fraser's 60-strong committee will have before it a recommendation for strike action if the executive of the AUEW has not publicly stated its support for the SU toolmakers' demands for a £7 a week increase to give them parity with Rover toolmakers.

As members of the executive have already rejected repeated requests to back the SU men's claim, a strike would seem inevitable.

Concern at North Sea drilling decline

By Nicholas Hirst
Energy Correspondent

The Department of Energy is becoming concerned at the low level of exploratory oil drilling by operators in the North Sea this year.

An unexpectedly sharp drop in exploratory drilling has occurred during the summer months and the total number of exploration and appraisal wells drilled during 1978 is likely to fall well below forecasts.

The department's "Brown Book" in April estimated that exploratory and appraisal drilling would be around the same level as in 1977, and early last month when the sixth round of licensing was detailed Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for Energy, said drilling was running at the slightly lower level of 1976.

It is politically embarrassing for the Government that neither of these two years' level of activity is likely to be attained this year.

Figures produced by Edinburgh stockbrokers Wood Mackenzie show a reversal of the usual pattern of drilling, with more having taken place in the winter than in summer months.

In August only 10 wells were being drilled, split equally between appraisal and exploration, compared with 23 in 1977 and 16 in 1976. In January this year 18 were being drilled.

The decline in drilling has been said by the United Kingdom Offshore Operators Association to be a result of Government policy to toughen conditions for licences, increase taxes and restrict the amount of good acreage on offer.

A review of the possible reasons for the decline has been done by the department but officials so far have not made up their minds whether the lower level is unsatisfactory. It could be short term, similar to the 18-month gap which occurred earlier in platform ordering, created by too great a demand on the time and resources of the companies.

But the department feels that the figures do suggest there is something to worry about.

Too low a rate of drilling could endanger Britain's prospects of attaining self-sufficiency in oil later this century.

The state-owned British National Oil Corporation may be asked for its advice on how to speed up drilling. More blocks could be offered in the next round of licensing than the 46 for which applications are due in November, and operators' duties to drill under the licences could be increased. But no decision has yet been taken on whether either is necessary.

Penrad deal by wife of civil servant 'coincidence'

By Maurice Corina

An investigation by Sir Peter Carey, Permanent Secretary of the Department of Industry, into the case of a civil servant whose wife held and sold shares in a company which received £400,000 in government aid, has apparently concluded that the investment was coincidence.

Sir Peter's internal inquiry is revealed in previously confidential evidence, given to the Public Accounts Committee in June but only released yesterday.

The evidence shows that at least one member of the committee, Mr Peter Hordern, Conservative MP for Horsham & Crawley, was unhappy with Sir Peter's replies about the case and suggested that a Department of Trade inquiry into the company might be recommended.

As a result, Sir Peter was invited to attend a "deliberative session" of the committee, whose reports, when issued yesterday, gave no indication of the outcome.

The case cropped up during a routine examination of government aid to industry. It concerns Mr Stephen Maltz, whose wife dealt in the shares of Penrad and made a profit. The company went into liquidation in May, 1977.

Sir Peter, who told the committee he had taken the matter very seriously and investigated the facts "very thoroughly", said Mr Maltz entered the civil service through open, direct entry principal competition and was allocated to the Department of Industry in February 1975.

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He left the department in November 1975.

Mr Maltz (who had previously been chairman of Tower Assets) had left the civil service in order to fight an expensive legal action in which he was being sued for £5m.

The department had made an offer of a loan of £300,000 to Penrad in January 1975, before Mr Maltz joined the department. A second application for aid came via the Welsh Office in October 1975. Mr Maltz was still at the department at that time.

Sir Peter said he had checked with officers concerned and no papers went near Mr Maltz, who was in another division. The papers were safeguarded and there was no way in which Mr Maltz could have profited from knowledge.

Mrs Maltz, according to Sir Peter's information, had been a shareholder for a considerable time, and not bought her holding as a result of her husband's recommendation. Mr Maltz had a number of friends and acquaintances who had in one way or another something to do with Penrad and another firm, Eldridge Stampleford Company.

Sir Peter said it was coincidence that Mr Maltz was employed for a short time in one part of the department, where he was not handling applications of the Penrad sort.

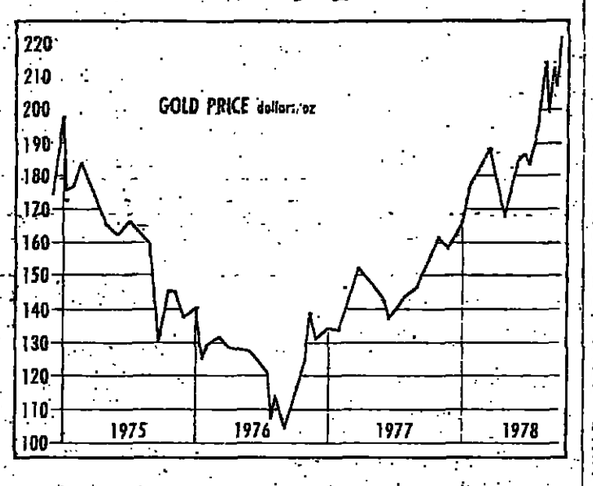
Mr Robert Taylor, Conservative MP for Croydon NW, a member of the committee raised the case with Sir Peter after he (Mr Taylor) said his investigations showed Mrs Maltz reduced a shareholding of 19 per cent in Penrad between December 1975 and January 1976 to under 10 per cent at prices which gave a profit on sales.

Yesterday's record of evidence given to the committee reveals that Mr Hordern stated, after hearing from Sir Peter Carey and Sir Hywel Evans, Permanent Secretary of the Welsh Office:

"I was on the Stock Exchange for 25 years and was a senior partner in one of the biggest firms in the City. I have seldom heard a less convincing explanation than the one that has been offered to us this afternoon in answer to Mr Taylor's questions."

Banks rescue dollar from new low as exchange uncertainty persists

By David Blake
Economics Correspondent



Heavy central bank intervention pushed the dollar back up yesterday afternoon, after a day in which it earlier had touched record lows against the Deutsche mark. The dollar found itself caught in the crossfire between the Deutsche mark and the Swiss franc, which has been going down against the Deutsche mark since the Swiss National Bank announced new measures to restrict inflows of foreign money.

The dollar also was weak in its own right until late in the afternoon, when large quantities of central bank support brought it back from its early lows.

At the end of trading the dollar's rate against the Deutsche mark was 1.9010, up a pfennig from its low point of 1.8910. Against the Swiss franc its fall and subsequent recovery were more dramatic. At one stage it went down to 1.5575 before recovering to close at 1.5925, up nearly two centimes on the day.

Gold rose to close at $222.375, up $.25 cents, after being at $223.5 at one stage. It fell in after hours trading, however. Sterling went ahead in early trading on the weakness of the dollar to reach $1.99 before closing at $1.9825, up 0.9 cents.

The pound's effective exchange rate rose by 0.1 percentage points to close at 62.6 per cent of its December 1971 level.

The continuing weakness of the dollar in spite of reports last week that the United States current account surplus was likely to fall sharply next year, causes continuing problems for the authorities who want to stop the instability in currency exchanges.

Much of the trouble this week has come from dealers assuming that a realignment between the Swiss franc and the Deutsche mark must involve the latter going up at least as much as the Swiss franc goes down.

There also has been a willingness to test the determination of the authorities to intervene. That question may have been answered yesterday afternoon, when the Federal Reserve joined in with the European central banks to prop the dollar up.

ICL shares surge to year's peak

By Alison Mitchell

Market speculation that a large stake is about to change hands in ICL, the computer manufacturer, has prompted a substantial rise in the share price over the past day or two.

After opening the account on Monday at 424p the shares are at a year's high of 480p, following a 20p gain yesterday. Some dealers feel that the 24.4 per cent stake held by Plessey, currently valued at nearly £40m, is about to be bought by cash-rich Racal.

A further holding, of equal size, is owned by the National Enterprise Board, leaving 51 per cent of the equity traded in the hands of outside investors.

Racal and Plessey shares are also both standing near to their year's high, and some market men feel that any deal between the two groups would touch only on rationalization moves, attributing the rise in ICL shares to a shortage of stock.

Share prices were generally firm throughout yesterday on hopes that Mr Callaghan would be able to keep inflation under control and market rumours, subsequently denied, that the Ford strikers were to return to work today.

The *FT* ordinary share index climbed 5.9 to 511.1.

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Birmingham centre gets biggest show

By Clifford Webb

Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre is the venue for the 1983 International Exhibition of Textile Machinery (ITMA), one of the two largest exhibitions staged anywhere in the world and the biggest ever seen in Britain.

The NEC will have to double its existing one million square feet to cope. The extra space will be provided in several new halls of a new prefabricated structure of aluminium framing with double-skinned plastic covering.

Similar temporary structures are being used at the Motor Show which opens at the NEC on October 20.

Mr Terry Golding, the NEC's chief executive, said yesterday: "These new buildings have a life of 25 years. They are regarded by many as being comparable to more traditional construction. It is possible that we may decide to retain them as a permanent feature. However that will depend upon the demand for space between now and 1983.

"ITMA is only staged every four years in established exhibition centres like Milan and Hanover. The fact that Birmingham is now joining them means we have broken into the cream of the European exhibition circuit. It is a tremendous breakthrough for us and was only achieved after a long battle with competitors, led by Basle in Switzerland.

"It is widely estimated that ITMA will generate revenue in the region of £100m for the host country."

Airbus Industrie is ready to build A310 without the UK 'if necessary'

From Ian Murray
Paris, Oct 4

M Bernard Lathière, chairman of Airbus Industrie, said today that he confidently expected Britain would join the consortium building the new A310 airliner. "I will take care to make it as soon as possible," he added.

Every day which passed without a decision, however, made the situation more difficult, he said. That was why the company had already decided to go ahead and build the airbus, if necessary without Britain.

It was already in a position to build the wings without British participation, and if this happened it would make no difference to development targets.

"The decision has been taken to go on without Britain," he said. "We have to talk in business terms, not in political terms. We cannot afford any political or emotional terms when we are trying to be in the market before Boeing."

The company had already taken the decision to buy the advance tooling necessary to build the aircraft. This could be ordered in Britain if it joined the consortium, but the essential thing was that the decision to place the order had been taken so that development could go ahead.

M Lathière explained the position being taken by France over the refusal to allow Britain the right of veto if it joined the consortium.

As Britain would have only between 20 and 25 per cent interest in the project it would be wrong if it had power to block a deal for the aircraft so that a sale was lost to the group's Boeing competitors.

He did not believe such an eventuality would arise, but it had to be considered. "When you get engaged you can talk about getting divorced. It is only when you are in love that you do not need a contract."

M Lathière said that the airbus was not the recogized competitor of Boeing in the 200-250-seater range. The present series of aircraft he hoped, "pessimistically", would reach the break-even point in 1990 with the 350th sale, and he hoped "optimistically" that sales might even move faster than that.

The new airbus would be no more than a new member of a successful family, and not a competitor.

"We are looking for our place in the sun", he added. European airlines currently needed 25 per cent of the aircraft built, but at the moment only 2 per cent were actually made in Europe.

"Our target is to get up to 25 per cent", he said. "That is our place in the sun."

NEB chairman challenged on Barrow stake

By Derek Harris

Mr Michael Grylls, Conservative MP for Surrey, North-West, has asked Sir Leslie Murphy, chairman of the National Enterprise Board, what he intends to do to protect the NEB's stake in Barrow Hepburn, the chemical and tanning group.

This follows the resignation of Mr Richard Odey as chief executive of the company. There have also been irregularities in a group subsidiary which the company has said may amount to more than £4m.

Mr Grylls wanted to know what inquiries were made by the NEB before it took an option to buy a million shares in Barrow Hepburn earlier this year.

He also asked if, in order to protect taxpayers' money, the NEB intended to try to influence the appointment of a new chief executive or appoint an NEB director to the Barrow Hepburn board.

The NEB bought shares before Barrow Hepburn directors knew about the subsidiary company irregularities, Sir Leslie added.

Joint managing directors end Percy Bilton row

By Richard Allen

A big boardroom row at Percy Bilton last year has now culminated in the appointment of two joint managing directors.

Mr Percy Bilton, octogenarian founder and chairman of the London-based property group, has handed over his temporary role as managing director to Mr Reg Groom and Mr A. G. Smith, two longstanding members of the board.

Mr Hugh Bentlestone, who is company secretary of the Clerical, Medical and General Life Assurance Society, has been made deputy chairman.

Mr Bilton reverted to the role of managing director of the group in December 1976 on the departure of Mr Bryn Turner-Samuels in what became a widely publicized boardroom dispute.

After Mr Turner-Samuels's departure, Bilton's annual report referred to "management weaknesses" which had caused problems in the company's housing division.

Institutional shareholders however, voiced disquiet when other executives including Mr Bernard Wynick, director of private housing and Mr Chris Gray, general manager of development, left the group.

Mr Groom and Mr Smith were appointed assistant managing directors when Mr Bilton took over the MD's role last year.

Mr Bilton has already announced that he intends his son, Mr Donald Bilton to succeed him as chairman on his retirement.



Mr Percy Bilton: natural choice for the position.

Shell meets ICI polyethylene price rise

By Our Energy Correspondent

European chemical companies are making a concerted effort to raise prices of polyethylene, a bulk source material for the packaging industry.

An initiative by Dow Chemical in Germany was followed by Imperial Chemical Industries which said it intended to "stabilize" prices at £340 a tonne for low density polyethylene film polymer from October 1.

This has brought in Shell Chemicals UK which is putting up prices by around 10 per cent from October 9, bringing its minimum charges in line with ICI. The increase will bring polyethylene prices back to the levels ruling in February, which have been eroded by discounting in the intervening months.

Several attempts were made during the past two years to increase polyethylene prices, but each failed under the pressure of competition.

Over capacity in the industry has led to price-cutting at a time of weak demand. Increases in consumer spending over the past few months are considered to be strong enough to allow downstream prices to go up and for this to be reflected in polyethylene prices.

At £340 a tonne ICI says that its production is still operating at a loss. Break-even point would be £365 a tonne, the level it hoped to charge by early next year.

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Barclays sets up Italian Leasing offshoot

From John Earle
Milan, Oct 4

The Barclays Bank Group has set up a subsidiary, Barclays Leasing Internazionale SpA, to enter the field of leasing in Italy, and is awaiting formal authorization from the Bank of Italy to start operations.

Mr Kenneth Bromley, managing director of Banca Barclays Castellini, which has 100 per cent of the shares, said leasing was a sector in which he saw big growth possibilities.

Barclays had bought for the leasing subsidiary the outstanding rentals of an American company, Firstmark International, which was turning back its activities. Barclays Mercantile in Britain had supplied one of the directors for Barclays Leasing, Mr Derek Soper.

Barclays Castellini, which in the listing of the economic weekly *Il Mondo* is 121st in size among Italian banks, now operates on a small scale in Milan. Early next year, however, it plans to open a representative office in Rome.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 225.13 +2.98
The FT index: 511.1 +5.9

Rises

Brown J.	14p to 466p	First Nat Fin	1p to 32p		
Daily Mail Tst	15p to 385p	Howard Mach	3p to 31p		
De Beers Dfd	13p to 419p	Kloof	32p to 606p		
Decca	20p to 475p	ICL	20p to 480p		
E Driefontein	46p to 771p	Libanon	15p to 525p		
Ellis & Everard	12p to 111p	Morris & Blakey	9p to 97p		
Elsburg Gold	8p to 118p	Lee Cooper	11p to 148p		
Farnell Elect	15p to 413p	Rediffusion	7p to 106p		

Falls

Assam Frontier	2p to 310p	Lasmo	4p to 152p		
Churchbury Est	2p to 325p	Ldn Sumatra	2p to 183p		
Eucalyptus Pulp	3p to 60p	McLeod Russel	3p to 230p		
Riggs & Hill	7p to 77p	P'dilly Theatre	5p to 120p		
Sutherland Grp	5p to 178p	Plant Hldgs	2p to 67p		
Jardine Mtson	3p to 253p	Swire Pacific A	4p to 145p		

Equities better.
Gilt-edged securities unchanged.
Dollar premium 62.5 per cent (effective rate 32.5 per cent).
Sterling gained 90pts to $1.9825. The effective exchange rate index was at 62.6.
Gold gained $0.25 an ounce to $222.375.
SDR-$ was 1.29204 on Wednesday while SDR-£ was 0.651394.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1507.0 (previous 1538.9).
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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.77	1.71
Austria Sch	26.75	26.75
Belgium Fr	65.50	62.00
Canada $	2.41	2.34
Denmark Kr	10.85	10.35
Finland Mkk	8.25	7.90
France Fr	8.80	8.40
Germany Dm	3.94	3.72
Greece Dr	73.50	69.50
Hongkong $	9.55	9.10
Italy Lr	1670.00	1585.00
Japan Yn	395.00	370.00
Netherlands Gld	4.26	4.03
Norway Kr	10.35	9.90
Portugal Esc	94.00	88.00
S. Africa Rd	2.20	2.05
Spain Pes	149.00	142.00
Sweden Kr	8.95	8.55
Switzerland Fr	3.27	3.05
US $	2.03	1.97
Yugoslavia Dnr	41.75	39.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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(Clothing Manufacturers)

Extracts from Mr K. O. Boardman's Statement:

* Group profit for year to 31st March, 1978 was £905,925. This compared with £1,021,290 in the previous year, which included £224,838 from B.P.T. Leisure International Ltd, a company disposed of from 1st July, 1977.
* Maximum possible increase in dividend recommended.
* Marked improvement in liquidity and reduction in bank borrowing by almost one-third.
* Turnover in first part of current year running at higher level than last year.

Mr Boardman welcomed Mr G. S. Rilia, the new chairman of the company, to the board, with his colleague Mr N. Musry, together with Mr H. Hellawell, who is to be managing director, and Mr B. Tomlinson and Mr R. Stacey. Their combined knowledge and experience of the textile industry will enable the group to look to the future with every confidence, he declared.

Public Accounts Committee assesses the burden on taxpayers of some state-aided projects

Whitehall accused of big ICL costing errors

by Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

The Central Computer Agency, which buys equipment for government departments, was accused yesterday by the Commons Committee of Public Accounts of having concealed from ministers extra costs, running into many millions of pounds, of buying the latest British computers.

At the same time, the committee strongly criticized the Department of Industry because arrangements for repayment of over £80m arising from development aid given to International Computers for launching the machines have gone awry.

The computers are the big 2900 models which have given ICL a bigger market share and new exports. They get government support in the form of preferential public sector ordering, as well as state funding.

The computer agency, part of the Civil Service Department, ran into considerable problems after backing the ICL machines with important orders at the pre-production stage, part of the policy of keeping ICL in the big league of computer makers.

However, the fulfilling of important Ministry of Defence contracts, for example, met serious difficulties when disparities arose between theoretical and actual performance of the first systems. Extra costs on just two early systems were more than £10m.

The agency said that ministers supported the buy-British policy knowing departments "were incurring substantial extra costs which could not be quantified but might run into many millions of pounds".

However, the committee, which is Parliament's watchdog over Whitehall spending, pointed out the decision to buy British was subject to ICL's meeting Whitehall's requirements on performance. And the Department of Industry had told the committee that support was not guaranteed regardless of cost, for there were conditions on price, performance, and delivery.

The agency was criticized for having no system of estimating extra costs. The committee said: "We consider that it was a negation of sound administration for the CCA to shut their eyes to the financial effect of every element of delay, thereby depriving ministers of the opportunity of seeing as full a picture as possible.

"We recommend that CCA should always evaluate the effect of risks, whenever it is practicable to do so, before ministers are asked to decide on a course of action."

The Committee revealed that in 1976 the Department of Industry seriously considered withholding final instalments of aid to ICL because of early technical difficulties and slow sales. Praise for later selling successes is given, but dealing with the arrangements for aid and repayments due between 1977 and 1984, it states:

"We find it disturbing that despite the company's successful sales record, the department think ICL is unlikely to meet its aid repayment forecasts for 1977-78 and 1978-79, and we are surprised that the department were unable as yet to give us any clear estimate of the amount they were likely to receive for those years.

"We trust that the department will not hesitate to seek early renegotiation of the terms of repayment if at any point the total repayments seem likely to fall materially short of the sum due."

Strong criticism of Job creation scheme

Weaknesses in financial control and monitoring of the Government's job creation programme were also criticized by the Public Accounts Committee. In particular the committee is worried about the large numbers of overdue accounts from sponsors, some of which had been paid for projects in advance.

A sample inspection of 190 projects by Manpower Services Commission auditors produced adverse comments on 54. Two were reported to be in financial difficulty, 18 in a financial muddle and the others showed "various financial irregularities of doubtful practices", says the committee.

Subsequently 34 of the 54 projects criticized were cleared without financial loss, but the remaining 20 cases might involve losses up to £100,000. A later audit of a further 113 projects produced criticisms of 21.

The committee also condemns significant delays in submission of statements of expediture by sponsors. It found that by July 31, 1977, for example, accounts had not been rendered for £1.23m advanced to non-local authority sponsors for expenditure up to March 31, 1977.

Despite a drive to speed up the submission of accounts, by April, 1978 statements of expenditure for 316 projects completed 12 months earlier had still not been produced.

The committee says it is "concerned at the continuing evidence of the unsatisfactory features of the administration of job creation programme projects". It accepts that the piecemeal development of the scheme made it difficult to foresee monitoring requirements and supports the commission's desire to keep administrative rules as simple as possible.

But it urges that in future "ever effort should be made to determine in advance the kind and degree of monitoring that will be needed and to strike the right balance between simplicity and control".

Although it was outside its brief, the committee was also concerned about the monitoring of the effectiveness of projects in meeting their aims. In the initial schemes, shortage of staff meant that substantially less monitoring took place than was thought desirable. Some projects had been completed without any monitoring visits at all.

The committee concluded that since further and larger programmes to provide training and temporary employment were being developed there was a requirement for adequate assessment of effectiveness as well as of administration and financial control.

Launched in October, 1975, as a temporary measure to alleviate unemployment, funds associated with the job creation programme have been progressively increased. From £30m allocated initially, funds stood at £166m by June, 1977, when the expectation was that about 115,000 temporary jobs should have been provided by the end of this year.

£800,000 Scottish investment losses

Losses on investments made by the Scottish Development Agency—sister of the National Enterprise Board—are brought to light in yesterday's report.

It is claimed that around £800,000 will be lost on just three investments, all of which failed not long after the taxpayer-funded agency took shareholdings.

The report says the agency's accounts for 1976-77 excluded £105,000 in shares and loans to Insco Electronics, which had been written off.

But they included £50,000 for a loan to Triadynamics (Machines and Patents), followed by a further £35,000 up to February this year, when the company went into receivership.

Thomson Holidays holding price increases to 12 pc on wider range

By Derek Harris.

Thomson Holidays, Britain's largest package tour operator, is keeping price rises in an expanded holidays programme to 12 per cent next year in anticipation of tougher competition.

Whereas there was an eventual shortage of package holiday capacity this past summer, next year operators will have well over 10 per cent more aircraft seats and accommodation on offer, said Mr Roger Davies, Thomson Travel assistant managing director.

He forecast at least a maintenance next year of the past season's record trading—for Thomson 15 per cent up on 1977—and possibly an increase of 10 per cent, with prices on average up by 15 per cent throughout the industry.

Operators have faced increased price demands of at least 20 per cent from hoteliers in Spain, still the main holiday destination of British package holidaymakers. Charter airlines have also asked for rate rises of some 15 per cent.

Thomson had been able to moderate its increases—even Spanish destinations would show rises little above 12 per cent claimed Mr Davies—because of its size, its long-term contracts and high load factors that could be achieved on aircraft.

Last year Thomson was running on an exceptionally high load factor on aircraft of 95 per cent. How near the company gets to that figure next year depends on how much of the additional traffic actually emerges but bookings are already heavy.

Bookings for Thomson winter holidays are described as "very strong" with more than 250,000 holiday packages already sold.

Thomson also announced a protection scheme for holidaymakers next year to cope with the problem of delays caused by industrial action which badly hit the industry this year during the French air controllers' action.

The cost to Thomson of those delays, including providing meals or accommodation and alternative arrangements for delayed customers, were put by Mr Davies at some £750,000.

Next year after a 24-hour delay passengers will have the right to opt for cancellation and a full refund. Alternatively passengers would get compensation of £10 plus another £10 for each additional 24 hours up to a maximum of £30.

Thomson next year will offer its widest ever range of holidays amounting to more than 600,000 different schemes, an increase of 7 per cent over this year.

Laker-induced price cuts 'boon to travel'

By Michael Baily

Sir Freddie Laker helped to set off a spate of price-cutting in the United States which had enormously benefited travellers and the airline industry, Dr Alfred Kahn, chairman of the United States Civil Aeronautics Board, said yesterday.

The spread of discount fares in the past 19 months had produced a 20 per cent traffic growth on American airlines this year over the record 1977, with over 40 per cent of travellers on discount fares.

And contrary to the airlines' expectations, unprecedentedly high profits were being earned, Dr Kahn told the Financial Times/Chartered Institute of Transport conference on international transport in London.

Earnings on equity after tax were 18 per cent in the year to June compared with an average of 3.2 per cent 1968-75.

Urging "protection-minded European government and airline officials" to follow America's lead, Dr Kahn said the new policy of deregulation was "a story of success beyond anyone's most wildly optimistic expectations".

Services offered to the traveller had immeasurably improved, millions of people had benefited, and carriers had prospered.

He admitted some drawbacks in recent months, such as congestion at airports and a deterioration in the quality of service, but there were signs that these were temporary.

Some airlines which rushed in and offered discounts of up to 50 per cent without restriction later withdrew them.

What had happened, said Dr Kahn, was a breakdown of price discipline and then its reestablishment. The situation was much the same on the North Atlantic, where price competition remained concentrated on discriminatory fares for reserved seats on regular scheduled services.



Sir Freddie Laker: airlines following his lead.

The key to the whole situation lay in legal freedom of entry, Dr Kahn emphasized. Entry by an outside carrier or even the threat of it, was the sine qua non of effective competition.

In his first public address in Europe Dr Kahn concluded: "I am happy to have had this opportunity to bring these glad tidings to European shippers and travellers.

"I even dare to hope that some protection-minded European government and airline officials may be convinced by this record, as have many timorous American airlines, that competition is not so awful after all."

Independent haulage chief says smaller operators are key to industry's growth

A spirited defence of the "cowboy" lorry operator and a plea to the Government not to restrict competition in road haulage, came from Europe's biggest independent operator, Mr Jim Duncan of the Transport Development Group yesterday.

In contrast to the previous day's appeal for restrictions on entry from Mr Peter Thompson of the National Freight Corporation Mr Duncan declared that "the small operator with five or fewer vehicles controls 30 per cent of the industry and constitutes a long and powerful tail. He provides robust competition with a zest that keeps the industry young and vital and is a source from which larger businesses develop".

Cowboys had been most useful members of society he told the Financial Times/Chartered Institute of Transport Conference on international transport in London.

There was no economy of scale in the road haulage industry except in the size of the individual vehicle Mr Duncan declared. It might have been created expressly for an age where "small is beautiful".

Vauxhall pay talks

Leadwers of Vauxhall's 26,000 manual workers were yesterday preparing for new pay talks with the company. The unions, which have made a 12-part claim for a "substantial" rise, a shorter working week, holiday bonuses and other benefits, have already rejected the management's offer of a basic increase in line with the Government's 5 per cent norm.

They are examining a productivity scheme which Vauxhall says would give them between £8 and £11 a week more.

Bonn surplus £761m

West Germany posted a preliminary overall balance of payments surplus of DM3,044m (£761m) in August, compared with a surplus of DM499m in July and far above a deficit of DM487m in August, 1977, the Federal Bank said yesterday in Frankfurt. The current account showed a preliminary surplus of DM19m in August, from a deficit of DM2,022m in July and a deficit of DM1,394m in August 1977.

Taiwan jacks warning

Garages and supermarkets selling car accessories were given warning yesterday that car jacks being imported from Taiwan were "extremely dangerous". The warning issued by the West Midlands County Council follows the collapse of a jack being used to change a wheel on a small car.

The council's Trading Standards department said as a matter of urgency that anyone who had bought a jack of the scissor type marked "Made in Taiwan" should return it to the seller or contact the local trading standards office. They usually cost between £3 and £4.

BSC profit deadline

A "count-down to viability" is under way for British Steel Corporation, which expects to make a loss of £175m in the first half of the current financial year, according to Sir Charles Villiers, the chairman.

Writing in the industry's newspaper Steel News, he says there is a long way to go to the break-even date of March, 1980, which he gave in July. "But this is the time when the losing has to stop."

Merger plan scrapped

Plans to merge the 19,000-strong Institute of Personnel Management and the 6,000-strong Institution of Training Officers have been scrapped after the IPM council decided after a poll of members, not to proceed. The vote was in favour, but with a majority of less than 100. A spokesman for the IPM said: "The foundation for a continuing relationship has been consolidated without in any way restricting the development of either organization."

New range of retail systems from ICL

From Kenneth Owen
The Hague, Oct 4

International Computers today announced a significant move to increase its share of the market for point-of-sale terminals and associated retail systems, with the launch of a range of "total retail business systems".

The European market for such systems is expected to total about £400m over the next five years, of which ICL aims to win "several hundred million pounds' worth."

Essentially the move is a further step in the development of the point-of-sale and small-computer business which ICL acquired when it bought the international operations of Singer Business Machines in 1976. The computers on which the new retail system are based are improved versions of the ex-Singer 1500 and System Ten machines, and the new range, known as the 9500 series, has taken two years to develop.

Announcing this, Dr Christopher Wilson, managing director of ICL, said the launch signified ICL's intention to become a major force in point-of-sale and total retail systems market worldwide.

Firm orders worth over £3m for the new systems have been placed by customers in Britain, the Netherlands, Finland, Switzerland, Canada and Australia. A system using 55 point-of-sale terminals has just been installed in a leading Dutch store, and a £1.25m order for 500 terminals and associated computers was signed today by Allders Department Stores, the department stores division of the UDS group in the United Kingdom.

Prices range from under £5,000 for a basic installation to over £300,000 for a 100-terminal system.

Installations based on the ex-Singer 1500 can accommodate up to 24 point-of-sale terminals (and can be grouped in multiple versions); those based on the System Ten can support up to 160 terminals. Volume production of the 9500 series is under way in ICL's factory at Utica, New York; the System Ten computers will be manufactured in Kidsgrove and Letchworth in England also.

Neddy head calls for 'cool debate' on pay issues

By Patricia Tisdall

A new entrant, Mr Geoffrey Chandler, the director-general of the National Economic Development Office, stepped into the wage restraint arena last night.

Mr Chandler, who took over in June, advocated "cool national debate" on pay requirements and differentials. He said a wide measure of agree could be reached in this way rather than if pay issues were decided only on "individual battlegrounds".

The National Economic Development Council was offered as the forum where such a debate on pay should take place. "We do not need new institutions for this", Mr Chandler said.

The NEDC provided a place where matters could be discussed by the Government, management and trade unions "without commitment and without negotiation", although there was no suggestion that such a discussion should usurp the rights of responsibilities of the three parties in carrying out their job elsewhere.

"Bargaining and disputes should be conducted within the framework of better public understanding which would set some limits and allow a participation, however indirect, by people who otherwise are simply innocent bystanders and possible sufferers", Mr Chandler said.

He was speaking at the annual dinner of the Council of British Manufacturers of Petroleum Equipment. "This is not to argue against collective bargaining; it is not to argue against the right of the parties to a dispute to settle it between themselves", he said.

The need for a "safety valve" in the form of a body or procedure to deal with anomalies and differentials, following any compromise on pay policy, was stressed by Mr Leslie Tolley, newly elected chairman of the British Institute of Management.

The BIM, which as a matter of policy is seeking a wider national voice for managers, would be unlikely to consider the NEDC acceptable in such a role.

In brief

London Merchant Securities Limited

Salient Points from Chairman's Review for the year ended 31st March 1978

* Net profit attributable to LMS after tax rose from £2.6 million to £4.3 million. Net rental income rose to £2.8 million and is expected to increase progressively.
* Net tangible assets attributable to LMS increased to £59.3 million when adjusted for the sale in July 1978 of 52% of shares in Carlton Industries. Market value of remaining investments is significantly greater than balance sheet figures.
* Demand for good quality investment property continues and the current value of investment property portfolio attributable to LMS is considered conservatively to be some £20 million greater than corresponding book value.
* Short-term borrowings and overdrafts were virtually eliminated on the sale of the Carlton shares.
* The exceptional degree of liquidity and asset strength reinforces prospects for continued growth.
* The directors recommend a final dividend of 4.6696% bringing the total for year to 6.6696% (5% last year) and a 1 for 1 free scrip issue.

Report and accounts available from the Secretary, 100 George Street, London, W1H 6DJ.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Liability to Spain's wealth tax

From the Legal Attaché at the Spanish Embassy

Sir, Under the heading "Spain's discriminatory wealth tax" you publish a letter from Mr H. T. Kennedy in your edition of October 3, in which the writer voices complains against the alleged discriminatory nature of the tax and criticizes the Spanish authorities for failing to notify foreign owners of property of their liability, of which he himself became aware only "after a careful study of the small print".

I am afraid that your correspondent has got it wrong.

The liability to this tax is governed by residence, not nationality. If the tax-payer habitually resides in Spain his liability is a personal one ("personal") whatever be his nationality. If he resides abroad it is a liability in rem ("real"). (Article 3(1) (a) and (b) of the Law of November 14, 1977; Article 1(4) of the Order of January 14, 1978). The definition of habitual residence for tax purposes is a six months stay in Spain in any one year.

The reason why there is a wealth tax allowance of four million pesetas as regards resident Spaniards or resident foreigners is because by the mere fact of residence their fiscal liability becomes total, to the intent that they are liable to Spanish income tax on the whole of their worldwide income, subject to adjustments under the Double Taxation Convention where appropriate.

The exemption is therefore a measure of relief for residents, Spaniards and foreigners alike.

If Mr Kennedy feels that he is in fact the victim of discrimination then, if he qualifies under the fiscal definition of habitual residence, he can claim his four million pesetas exemption on wealth tax and save his £5; but he will be liable to income tax, in exactly the same way as any other resident, Spanish or foreign.

As regards his complaint that the Spanish authorities have not notified foreigners of their liabilities, suffice it to point out that under all civilized systems of law the mere publication in the Official Gazette constitutes notification erga omnes. In Spain the law thus published binds Spaniards and foreigners alike, as indeed it does in England. As from that moment ignorance of the law is no excuse.

When did the British Government find itself compelled to notify foreigners of their liabilities and disabilities, even prior to the 1844 statute which substantially reduced them?

Finally, the so-called small print. Needless to say, there is none. Unfortunately, all fiscal laws are loud if not always clear. This one is both.

The Order of January 14, 1978, is no more than an extension in detail of the already very explicit law of November 14, 1977, which introduced the wealth tax, and which was passed by Parliament, received the Royal Assent, and was published in the official bulletin of the state, that is to say the Gazette, on November 16, 1977.

Discrimination in the law and in the Order is conspicuous by its absence; no doubt to the relief of the very many readers of The Times who own properties in Spain and who may have read Mr Kennedy's letter.

Yours faithfully,
RAFAEL VALLS,
Legal Attaché,
The Spanish Embassy,
24 Belgrave Square,
London SW1X 8QA.
October 3.

Rail freight: role of local authority planners

From Mr M. A. Sullivan

Sir, Mr Dennis Taylor (September 19) says: "The only nationwide transport system under one overall control is the railways. Get the railways right and form a framework upon which other transport can build..."

Such a long-term aim must surely be in danger of frustration, however desirable it may be, by the sort of "progress" reported on your pages on September 11. Your report on the earliest industrial estate, the Team Valley Trading Estate in the North-east, revealed that the railway network that linked it to the national system has been abandoned. As a result of this trend industry is becoming more road dependent and each move of this kind, and each new industry that is permitted to locate away from rail access, places rail at a greater disadvantage.

Every recent county structure plan seems to include policies for encouraging greater use of rail for freight, and transfer from road. Yet local authority planners continue to permit rail-less industrial building, often in competition with neighbouring authorities for a limited amount of mobile industry. Until planners practise what they preach the weight of road freight on the environment and on the road system can only worsen.

Yours faithfully,
M. A. SULLIVAN,
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Leamington Spa,
Warwickshire.

Taxation of tips given to a taxi driver

From Mr I. D. Griffin

Sir, I feel I must defend taxi drivers from the innuendo made by your correspondent (Business Letters—September 29) who questioned the taxation of their tips. There is widespread abuse but the fault lies with the passengers and not the drivers.

It is settled ground that the tips of an employed taxi driver are emoluments and the Income Tax (Employment) Regulations 1973 make it quite clear that any person who pays emoluments is to be regarded as an employer and must operate the PAYE system at the point of payment. Since the driver has another job this injunction applies to all payments which are at the rate of more than £1 per week (which must cover all but the most parsimonious tip). No tax need be deducted but the passenger must send form P46 to the appropriate tax office and await instructions.

In the absence of a specific direction from the Collector of Taxes, any tax due under PAYE is recoverable from the passenger and not the driver.

So far, as self-employed taxi drivers are concerned, their tips are no more than unsolicited gifts from clients and are surely not taxable.

Yours faithfully,
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13 Wheatside Crescent,
Ribbleton,
Preston, Lancashire.
September 29.

Price of engineering supplies

From Mr W. M. Wolf

Sir, According to Patricia Tisdall (September 28) the manufacturers of nuts and bolts are the latest to cry "unfair" in the face of foreign competition. Nobody can have failed to notice the extraordinary increase in the price of engineering supplies in recent years. Extraordinary even when allowing for general inflation.

I have come across today the following example. The same hand-drill, which in 1964 cost 16 shillings, today costs £7.95. This is almost exactly 10 times the old price. No wonder our shops are flooded with foreign tools and we have to save up to buy a nut and bolt.

Yours faithfully,
W. M. WOLF,
Director,
Alarkem Ltd,
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Co Durham DL3 7ET.

Restriction on yarn imports from Turkey

From the chairman of the Textile Industry Support Campaign

Sir, Your correspondent D. J. Walsom (September 29) complained of threatened trade sanctions by Turkey as a result of a restriction that the EEC has recently placed on imports of Turkish cotton yarn to the United Kingdom.

Mr Walsom should know that Turkey had entered into an arrangement that she would limit her exports of yarn to us at a certain level. It was only after this level had been exceeded by 50 per cent that the restriction was made.

The ideological arguments for and against free trade have been aired sufficiently already, but the fact is that the United Kingdom has one of the most liberal trade policies in the world and we should not be condemned when we stand up for the sanctity of contracts. Mr Walsom should consider this as indicative of the hazard of trading with Turkey and beware.

Yours faithfully,
J. G. BRIDGE, Chairman,
Textie Industry Support Campaign,
Thorncliffe,
115 Windsor Road,
Oldham,
Lancashire.

Secretaries' training

From Mrs Caroline Blaazer

Sir, Lynda King Taylor's wishes are a reality ("Parkinson rules in the office", October 2).

Joint sessions for secretaries and bosses have long been an important feature of The Industrial Society's in-company training.

This method of working with the team produces greater secretarial involvement, a more effective working relationship and significant savings in management time.

CAROLINE BLAAZER,
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Caught on a VAT roundabout

From Mr R. R. Mullings

Sir, Until January 1, 1978, Clerks to Commissioners of Income Tax were paid their salaries in the usual way, no account being taken of VAT. This was presumably for two reasons.

Firstly, the remuneration is in the form of a salary and secondly any VAT paid by the Inland Revenue in addition to the salary would subsequently have to be returned to the Inland Revenue at the end of each VAT quarter.

As a result of a provision in the Finance Act 1977, on receipt of their salary from the Revenue, clerks now have to prepare and send to the Revenue a VAT invoice claiming from them VAT at the standard rate. At the end of each quarter account for the VAT has to be made to HM Customs and Excise.

The additional work performed by clerks, Customs and Revenue results in VAT being paid by the Revenue to the clerks who forward it to the Customs who in turn receive it on behalf of the Revenue.

The number of unemployed is high; but could not some even more useful means of employment be devised.

Yours faithfully,
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October 3.

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Melody Mills Limited

SUMMARY OF GROUP RESULTS

	1978	1977
Turnover	£7,972,918	£6,673,946
Profit before taxation	£519,250	£514,089
Profit after taxation	£236,471	£249,487
Earnings per share	13.6p	14.3p
Dividend per share	3.243p	2.904p
Dividend cover	4.2 times	4.9 times

Extracts from the Annual Statement to Shareholders by the Chairman, W. T. Meigh, F.C.A.

The extremely difficult trading conditions in the wallpaper industry continued through the second half of our financial year and the final results were not as good as we might have expected.

However, the company has made excellent progress since the end of March and the results for the first 4 months of the 1978/79 trading year are much more satisfactory.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Performance or politics at the NEB?

r Leslie Murphy, chairman of the ational Enterprise Board, now has the olls-Royce corporate plan lying on his desk. hat sort of financing call upon the NEB's sources it is likely to make is being kept iet just now, but, for perspective, it has en suggested the cost to the Government/ EB of funding the new 535 aero engine uld be as much as £250m. Meanwhile ritish Leyland, which has so far this year ised £300m in new equity from the NEB d a further £150m direct from the vernment, will be drawing up its own rporate plan later this year, and it would most surprising if this, too, did not inlve some further official financing in 1979.

The message from the half-year results, wever, is that the NEB no longer has the ntomless financing chest of popular agination. At the end of December it had vested £270m. Since then a further £450m s been committed, counting BL, so that to te the NEB has consumed some £720m t of the £1,000m funding limit fixed in the ring this year. The NEB anticipates it will on investing at roughly the same rate as the recent past, so it is clear that the estion of enlarging its resources will be a ntral one when it goes back to Government er this year with its own corporate plan 1979. Moreover, unless it is intended to ance Rolls-Royce and BL separately, it is rd to see how an NEB request for more ney could be refused.

But an enlargement of its limits would quire Parliamentary approval and this uld put the NEB right back into the poli- al arena. Sir Leslie says he is not ncerned with politics, but he must be are of the problems. If Labour is still in ice, will it want a fight on an issue that l be portrayed as opening the way for re taxpayers' money to be pumped into profitable private as well as the unproible public sector?

The Conservatives for their part, while longer talking of abolishing the NEB, e made clear they do not favour an nsive private sector role for it. One ion that the NEB may now have to conder, therefore, is whether within a matter months its freewheeling interventionist s, operating very much as any other mernt bank, may become sharply circumibed. In its favour, its present 10.2 per t return on capital, excluding BL and lls-Royce, is pointing well along the road ards meeting its 1981 financial targets, when the political debate opens up the stion of the NEB's performance will be a ondary one.

The dollar took another hiding in foreign hange markets until central bank intertion lifted it off the floor, but even then still finished lower on the day against st of the major currencies, including rling. The apparent buoyancy of sterling , of course, raised question of what is to done should the United Kingdom go into proposed European Monetary Scheme t year, the assumption being that the ity at which sterling entered the scheme uld need to be such as to take account least of some of the problems posed by uncertain prospects for our inflation e next year.

While there is in any case an argument t a devaluation ahead of entry would y exacerbate the inflation problem and s increase rather than reduce the probs of our remaining in the EMS for any gth of time, sterling has in fact been dily losing ground against most of the ior currencies this year, whatever its formance against the dollar since the ld-up to July's Bonn economic summit.

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lrop of almost a fifth to interim profits £3.55m at Rockware was no worse than ected, though some hopes had been ed by the surprisingly good results ounced last month by main rival, United ss.

ockware's result suffers by comparison the first-half last year, when drinks tomers were restocking heavily in the mistaken idea that we would have a good summer. But Rockware, because of its dominance in food containers, has apparently been harder hit than UG by low-priced imports from EEC countries, which have almost doubled their overall share of the United Kingdom glass market to around 10 per cent in recent years.

Longer-term, the threat of EEC imports could dissolve as recovery gets under way on the continent, while a return to more normal trading conditions and absence of damaging labour troubles should ensure profits continue moving ahead to at least £8.5m against last year's £7.8m.

Growth prospects, however, are now becoming increasingly doubtful in the glass industry. Moreover, Rockware, having thwarted in its attempt to take over Redfearn and gain subsequent rationalization benefits, can only slug it out with the other majors, while relying heavily on technological developments to increase its standing.

Here the introduction of wide-mouthed bottles for the drinks industry, something in which Rockware claims a lead, is an indication of the way the industry hopes it can re-capture once traditional markets.

More positively Rockware is moving fast in an effort to spread its base with the eventual aim of becoming a fully-integrated packaging supplier, so the acquisition of Alida Packaging for £4.6m might be seen as only one step along a well-planned expansion trail.

Rockware's financial strength can comfortably accommodate the sort of cash deficits this policy could cause over the next couple of years, while its record should ensure long-term market support.

However at 138p, where the p/e ratios would be just over 4, falling to around 8 fully-taxed and the yield 6.3 per cent, the shares offer little scope during what could amount to a fairly dull period.

News International

Labour problems apart . . .

Labour relations problems in Fleet Street might suggest that the newspaper sector would be anathema for investors. In fact quite the opposite is true. The market apparently recognizes that for those who can stay on the street—or rather get their newspapers into the hands of readers—the returns can be handsome. News International is a case in point. While it has not escaped serious and damaging labour disputes in this country and most recently in the United States, it is undoubtedly the most successful newspaper publisher of the past five years. It will do well again this year.

Outside expectations, after a near-15 per cent increase to £9.08m improvement in interim profit, are for profits this year of £19½m against £18.1m, a somewhat slower second half being indicated because of disputes both here with *Sun* journalists during the summer and in New York with the *Post* where Mr Rupert Murdoch, News's chairman, now appears to have a settlement after a long stoppage.

The American company, a 50 per cent-owned associate, is what has worried the market more than the position in this country. But if News has a satisfactory settlement on the *Post* and can achieve more flexible and economic working alongside an improving circulation, losses, estimated at around £5m this year, could easily be eliminated within a year leaving the American business as an important source of income. With the *Sun* cover price still at a discount to competitors and the circulation decline of the *News of the World* arrested, profits could move sharply up again in 1979 all of which suggests that the shares at 250p yielding nearly 6 per cent prospectively and selling at around 5 times earnings are attractive on an 18-month view.

● *Hill Vellacott has asked us to point out that they have never been the auditors of Reed International. We apologize therefore for the mistake in our article headed "Turquand stays to fight" in yesterday's column in which we said that Reed International brought in Price Waterhouse to replace Hill Vellacott.*

Economic notebook

Solving the imports puzzle

Britain has a voracious appetite for imports. Their rapid growth over the postwar years has been a source of worry to successive governments and a spoke in the wheel of every British boom.

North Sea oil is cushioning the balance of payments this time round, but even with the North Sea the tendency of Britons to spend much of any extra income on imported rather than home-produced goods is one of the major constraints on further expansion.

In 1967 about 20 per cent of total domestic spending went on imports. Ten years later the figure was 30 per cent.

All industrialized countries have experienced a rise in the proportion of imports to home production as world trade has grown faster than world output, but the British trend is one of the most striking.

Economists have failed to come up with a satisfactory explanation of the steady rise in import penetration into British markets. A recent Treasury working paper* described the attempts of two government economists to isolate the effects of demand, competitiveness and some other factors on manufactured imports.

They were left with a puzzle. Each of the four categories of manufactured imports which were studied—semi-manufactures, capital goods, consumer goods and other finished manufactures—showed rises in imports which could not be explained by any of various determinants which they examined.

Forecasters have to assume that the inexplicable rising trend will slow down, although it shows no sign of doing so except in the case of imported capital goods.

Otherwise their equations, based on past experience, would project ludicrously high levels of import penetration, eventually reaching the point when all of any extra spending in the United Kingdom goes on imports.

Although various explanations have been put forward for Britain's poor trade performance they mostly concern so-called "non-price" factors. The absence of any suitable quantitive data on, for example, delivery dates or willingness to innovate, means that these theories cannot be tested.

It has often been suggested that the degree of capacity utilization and changes in profitability of home and export markets have an important effect on imports.

However, the government economists did not find that changes in the degree of slack in British industry relative to that abroad had any impact on the level of imports.

They had slightly more success in isolating an effect from profits, finding, as expected, that firms tend to switch into the export markets when this becomes more profitable.

A series of graphs on relative prices and labour costs show that, while there have been periods when British price competitiveness has plummeted, there has been a secular rise in competitiveness between 1963 and 1975. There is thus no excuse here for the rise in foreign penetration.

As the overall volume of imports has risen so there has been a change in the pattern of goods bought from abroad. The most startling aspect of this change is the jump in the proportion of finished manufactures from 24 per cent of total imports in 1970 to 36 per cent in the latest three months to August.

Within this category, imports of machinery and transport equipment have grown rapidly, increasing their share from 17 per cent of all imports in 1970 to 23 per cent last year and 27 per cent in the three months June to August.

Some of the most recent rise has been due to imports of North Sea oil installations. But the most spectacular change has been the rise in imported cars and other road vehicles. These now account for nearly 7 per cent of all imports, compared to less than 2 per cent at the beginning of the decade.

The image of Britain as an importer primarily of food, raw materials and semi-manufactured goods is becoming outdated. The share of industrial materials in total imports has dropped from 42 per cent in 1970 to level pegging with the finished manufactures at 36 per cent now.

A six point drop in the proportion of the United Kingdom's import bill which is spent on basic raw materials has accounted for this.

As North Sea oil has come on tap Britain's fuel bill from overseas has dropped sharply both in money terms and as a proportion of the total.

There have been favourable influences on Britain's balance of payments in addition to North Sea oil this year. The strength of the pound is at present helping to cut import costs in sterling terms. The fall of the dollar has lowered already depressed commodity prices.

But the rise in import volumes continues apace and must eventually short circuit the boom. Finished manufactures are again the main culprit: the volume imported is now 17 per cent above the 1977 level.

Caroline Atkinson

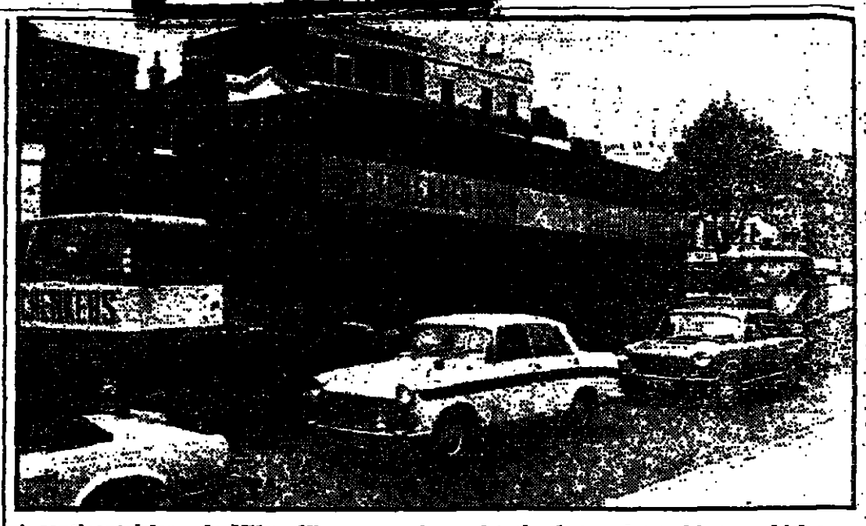
* *A study of UK imports of manufactures*, by Jim Hibberd and Simon Wren-Lewis (Government Economic Service Working Paper No 6).

IMPORTS BY AREA
(per cent)

	Total	Developed countries: Total	EEC	Other W Europe	N America	Developing countries: Oil	Non-oil	Centrally planned economies
1977	£36,996m	74	38	15	14	10	12	3½
1978 (latest 3 months to August)	£10,389m	78	40	18	13	9	10	3

IMPORTS BY COMMODITY
(per cent)

	Food etc	Fuels	Industrial materials: Total	Raw mats	Chems	Other semi-mfrs	Finished mfrs: Total	(of which:) Machinery	Road vehls	Other
1977	16	14	36	10	6	20	32	14	6	2
1978 (June-Aug)	15	11	36	8	6	22	36	15	7	2



A continental lorry in UK traffic: economics and technology point to bigger vehicles.

Could EEC money clear a way for heavier lorries?

Three months ago the Austrian government introduced a swingeing tax on heavy commercial vehicles using its roads. The heaviest blow fell on the large number of foreign lorries crossing its frontiers en route for other countries. Drivers making a single journey from the German border through Austria to Yugoslavia were called upon to pay nearly £500.

With transit traffic doubling every four years since 1961 the Austrians had an excellent case. Even so, their normally phlegmatic government was clearly alarmed by the uproar which followed.

For a fortnight there was chaos at frontier crossing points, partly caused by the hundreds of drivers who abandoned their vehicles to prevent all traffic movement and partly by the time-wasting paperwork involved.

But the Austrians kept their nerve and we in Britain may well have cause to be glad they did. The Austrian furore has highlighted for individual European governments, the EEC in Brussels and international road haulage and commercial vehicle manufacturers the dangers of being without a pan-European transport strategy covering matters such as the standardization of vehicle weights and measurements.

If there were any doubts about the urgent need to break through the present lethargy—and nowhere has there been more back-tracking than in Britain—it came last week when the Swiss parliament started moves to follow Austria.

Neither Austria nor Switzerland is a Community member but their unilateral actions will figure prominently on the agenda when the EEC transport ministers meet in Brussels on November 24. Before them will be a request from Austria for financial help to build new cross-country roads and to improve some of the more heavily used existing ones.

Sources close to the EEC transport directorate in Brussels suggest that this request will be heard sympathetically. There is already money in the Community's transport budget which could be earmarked for the purpose.

The first move, however, is likely to be agreement that the implications of the Austrian request should be investigated by a special study group. This is a sensible precaution because requests for financial assistance will not stop with Austria. Switzerland may well have to be placated and last, but by no means least, Britain may want to join the gravy train.

Britain has an excellent argument based on the growing European pressure for the country to lift the present limit of 32 tonnes gross vehicle weight to bring it into line with the 38 tonnes average on the Continen.

Mr William Rodgers, the Secretary of State for Transport, is reported as accepting the industrial logic of the case for raising the limit presented to him in many meetings with haulage and motor industry delegations. But he has always concluded by telling them that it is not politically possible at present and that the anti-truck lobby is too strong. The lobby has widespread support for its claims that our roads and bridges were not built for juggernauts.

Clifford Webb reports on the controversy over the continental heavy lorry

That could change if Mr Rodgers was able to point to a substantial allocation of EEC funds to prepare our roads for heavier lorries. That would help him to counter the lobby.

There is a widely held European view that British road hauliers and vehicle manufacturers have been too easily put off by the politicians. This led to a clash last week between Herr Arthur Mischke, the Daimler Benz director in charge of Mercedes Benz commercial vehicle development, and Mr Robert Beckham, managing director of the Unilever transport subsidiary SPD Distribution.

Herr Mischke told an international transport conference in Montreux, Switzerland, that there was irrefutable evidence that heavier lorries could be designed with new axle positions and suspension systems which did not transfer more weight to road surfaces. But in England this had not been understood and, in any event, not enough courage was being shown in the presentation of these arguments to the authorities.

On the Continent representations had been made to Brussels and had been well received. In Germany financial assistance had been provided for studies into the environmental and economic suitability of heavier lorries.

Mr Beckham, a member of the advisory committee on trunk road assessment, immediately protested that lorry manufacturers and research establishments in Britain had made strong representations along the lines outlined by Herr Mischke. Britain did not need any more help in studying the problem. What was needed was more courage on the part of the politicians.

But if we did accede to a 38-tonne level what next? There is growing pressure in Germany for its own 38-tonne limit to be raised to 44 tonnes. Such a move, it is argued, would make an energy saving of about 4 per cent per tonne of pay load and save 10 per cent of operating costs.

The costs involved in the construction and maintenance of roads would not need to increase as a result, according to experts like Herr Mischke. Modern air suspension systems are better not only for the load carried but also for the roads.

It is also possible to limit road wear by using new, softer steel springs, combined with stiff hydraulic dampers and fitting large twin wheels to trailers, despite the heavier weight.

A properly sprung and damped 11-ton rear axle, it is pointed out, would transmit less weight to the road than present undamped 10-ton rear axles.

One of the most widely held misconceptions about the raising of the maximum permitted weight from 32 to 38 tonnes is that it will lead to the introduction of much larger vehicles. In fact, lorries capable of operating at 38 tonnes have been running on British roads for many years. They were bought in anticipation of new higher weight legislation which has not materialized.

However, lorry manufacturers and haulage interests would like to see a few inches added to the length of the present 32-tonne vehicle, which will be the basis for any new 38-tonners, to permit them to carry international container traffic.

British transport industry estimates suggested that an increase to 40 tonnes would reduce tonne-kilometre costs by up to 12 per cent. Even the Government's own research organization had said that fuel savings could be of the order of 17 per cent if the increase was restricted to 38 tonnes.

This would also reduce the number of lorries. With a 3 per cent annual growth in gross domestic product and no increase in permitted weights the number of vehicles in the United Kingdom by the year 2,000 would be of the order of two million. A modest increase in lorry weights would more than halve this number.

Business Diary: Master builder • Reynolds on remaindering

National Federation of lding Trades Employers ng a surprise on both sides he industry yesterday when inst all the quoted odds they ferred a young unknown to bour affairs veteran for the sitive job of Director of Intrial Relations.

urprise is tempered with rehension at the NFBTE's . Cavendish Street headrters over the appointment 7-year-old Ian Deslandes just the highly-political battle r pay curbs starts in earn-

was widely expected that the would go to the federation's uty director of industrial reons, Michael Thomas. mas, in his 50's, is a former our Correspondent of *The es.*

eslandes, the NFBTE's direcof housing, is a product of industry's research side, but nd this is what is raising brows—he is also an alumof Conservative Party Cen- Office.

olitics are very much to the in NFBTE circles at the ment. Delegates to the Labr Party conference in Blackl are being wakened in their front hotels by a loud hailer dvertising the industry's paign against proposals for ionalization of the industry. te acceptably, lightly-clothed s are being hired to leaflet conference hall.

his perhaps makes it less prising that the industrial itions job went to Deslandes, was personal assistant to er Thomas when he was y Party chairman. Deslandes worked in the party's reearch department, and was once Tory candidate for the safe Labour seat of Pontefract. He succeeds Oliver Jayne, who is to concentrate on his other post, deputy director-general to Martin Grafton.

Deslandes was reluctant to talk yesterday other than to play down the political implications of his appointment. It is unlikely, however, that the construction unions will agree with him: they are pro-nationalization.

It is not an easy time to put into this job a man whose grasp of politics may be firmer than that of industrial relations. The industry's main union, Ucatt has swung sharply left, and its chief rival, the T & G is all for free pay bargaining.



The disposable book, the paperback, has been with us some time: Michael Reynolds (left) is perfecting the disposable bookshop.

Reynolds left a £30,000 a year job as managing director of the Spar voluntary grocery chain last year after disagreeing with his new chairman, David Linnell. He then started the Susan Reynolds chain of bookshops (named after his wife) after meeting a book wholesaler who had a lot of remaindered copies on his hands.

Reynolds has about six shops in London and the provinces at any one time. He sells all the books at 40p and when he thinks the area's book buyers are sated—usually after four or five months—he closes down the shop.

After starting with capital of £2,000, he says turnover is now running at £400,000 a year within 10 months of starting.

After a day behind the counter of his Manchester shop Reynolds told me: "I don't want to be an expert on books. Once you become an expert you become emotional about them. I'm a trader, and I am treating them as a commodity. If they sell a lot, I buy a lot."

■ The Consumers' Association, which these days is a big business with 600,000 subscribing members, five magazines and a long list of paperback publications, celebrates its twenty-first birthday this wekend.

The association might never have been born, however, had it not been for Sir Harold Wilson's indifference.

Michael Young, now Lord Young of Dartington, the association's founder, recalls that he originally launched the idea from his position as secretary of the Labour Party's policy committee preparing the party manifesto for the 1950 election. He persuaded the party to include in its platform a proposal for a consumer advisory service.

A Gallup poll commissioned specially to test voters' reactions to the manifesto proposals revealed that the consumer advisory service was easily the most liked—easily preferred to more doctrinaire items such as the municipalization of housing and the nationalization of shipbuilding.

When Labour won its narrow majority the proposal was referred to Harold Wilson, the then President of the Board of Trade. But the Board did not like it.

A departmental report at the time said that the consumer advisory service was not required by most people, who could tell for themselves what was good value, and that any miner residual need was mopped up by such existing organizations as the AA, RAC, and the British Standards Institution.

It recommended no action and Wilson concurred.

Young vowed that he would not let the idea drop—and in 1957 the Consumers' Association started from a converted garage in Bethnel Green. Young is now grateful to Sir Harold, saying that the association would never have flourished as it has had government got its hands on it.

■ Dennis Lawrence, the ex-civil servant appointed yesterday as director for three years of the newly-formed Cooperative Development Agency, needs all the cooperation he can get. He said from his Dorset home that his first problem is to find out how many industrial and commercial cooperatives there are to develop.

The retail coops apart, there are probably "rather less than a thousand" such organizations, many of them agricultural or horticultural cooperatives.

"We'll be paying special attention to the problems of the industrial cooperatives, the worker coops, and I'll have to do some detective work to track them down", said Lawrence.

He wants to visit as many as possible to size up the sort of problems they have, particularly where the structure precludes outsiders taking a share of the equity.

A reader in Newport, Gwent, has sent me a copy of a letter to him from IBM which says that "word-processing" can "imporve (sic) repeat imporve upon the quality of letters". Just as well, isn't it?

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Cope Allman slips but final quarter rally continuing

By Rosemary Unsworth

In spite of a slight improvement in second half profits to £5.4m, Cope Allman International suffered a 4 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £9.1m for the year to July 1.

This fashion, packaging, engineering and leisure group said these results represented an appreciable improvement over the profit shortfall reported at the half-year stage. Group profits in the United Kingdom increased by over 6 per cent in the year but these were offset by losses in France, Canada and Australia. But the Australian fruit machine subsidiary improved and helped to counteract a disappointing performance by the bicycle business, hit by the skateboard craze last Christmas. The fashion wholesome subsidiary also made a loss.

The final dividend is increased from 2.63p gross to 2.92p which raises the total to 5.2p compared with 4.75p last year. The increase is 0.09p higher than forecast at the interim stage.

The packaging division and its aerosols proved a major disappointment, with a fall from 42 to 29 per cent contribution to the group's operating profits according to chairman, Mr Louis Manson. "Market demand prevented major multinational customers from building stocks during the year."

However, he hoped that the improved results from the year's last quarter, which have been carried through into the curre year, would be reflected in t 1978-79 results.

As the group has increas its reserves by £9.3m throu the application of accounti standard ED19, it has decid to write off goodwill and oth intangible assets which sta at £6m.

Capseals, Cope Allma packaging manufacturer, i creased pre-tax profits by 7 p cent to £1.5m although the was a small decrease for ea ings per stock unit on a poi ED19 basis in the 52 weeks July 1. A final dividend of 1.5 gross is recommended compar with 1.4p last year.



Mr Louis Manson, chairman Cope Allman International.

Rowlinson Scottish projec has £20m potential value

Rowlinson Securities, part of the Rowlinson Construction Group of Stockport, will develop one of the biggest industrial estates in Scotland—an 80-acre site at Bellshill, near Glasgow with a potential investment value of £20m.

The company will start building early next year ready-made advance factory units from 10,000 sq. ft. upwards, with the first unit ready for occupation by the end of the year. They will also offer "tailor-made" factories and warehouses of up to 500,000 sq. ft.

"We have had firm inquiries from a number of companies, some of them substantial, who are particularly attracted by the excellent road pattern of the area", Mr Howard Jones, director of Rowlinson Securities, said.

C. H. BAILEY

Because of delays in finalising accounts of certain overseas subsidiaries it has not been possible to publish group accounts before September 30, being six months after end of financial year. Anticipated that preliminary figures will be published this month and that accounts will be despatched to shareholders before end of month.

WELLS FARGO LOAN

Well Fargo Bank, NA acting as agent and manager with First Chicago Panama SA in syndicate of 12 international banks, has signed a $60m eight-year-term loan agreement with Cerveceria Cuauhtemoc.

STEWART PLASTICS

First three months turnover up 25 per cent on year. Chairman confident that business will continue to progress.

BISICHI TIN CO

Pre-tax profit for 1977, £63,000 (£33,400). Earnings a share, 2.2p (0.87p). Dividend is 0.43p gross (0.38p gross).

FINLAY PACKAGING

Sales for six months to June 30, £2.6m (£2.4m). Pre-tax profit, £242,000 (£246,300). Earnings per share, 1.35p (1.37p). Interim dividend is 0.409p gross (0.35p gross).

Briefly

TRIPLEVEST

Gross income for six months August 8, £1.05m (£1.01m). Pr tax profit £906,700 (£872,40 Interim dividend is 3.63p gr (3.44p gross).

CALCUTTA ELECTRIC SUPPL

Gross revenue for year to Mar 31 of £52.2m (53.2m). Propos dividends 11.54p gross (9. gross).

PHOENIX MINING & FINANC

Turnover for half year to Mar 31, £869,500 (£242,000). Pre-t profit, £16,900 (£63,500). Res for comparable half includes su plus of £45,800 credited for furth distributions from liquidation Australian Commonwealth Ca bide.

RECEIVERS APPOINTED

Mr Robin H. Stewart and I Ian D. B. Bond of accountan Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, appoi ted joint receivers of London pri ing firm David Brockdorff. prints a long string of publicatio including *The Grocer*, *Horse a Hound*, *Anglers' Mail*, *Waltha stow Guardian*, and *Law Soci Gazette*. Company is continuing trade on week-to-week basis, pe ing discussions with interes parties.

K. O. BOARDMAN INTERNATIONAL

Mr Kenneth O. Boardman retired as chairman of the Su port textile group in favour Mr G. S. Ruia, told annual m ing for first six months of curr year exceeded those of last y Group, he said, was in very str position with ample facilities development.

CONSOLIDATED PLANTATI

Proposed joint venture Syarikat Habapan Berhad to d lop 2,800 acres of Logged ju land in Johore. Company will scribe for cash at par for 1:554 ordinary in Shb represen 45 per cent of enlarged capita SHB. Board of Sime Darby H ings will vote in favour of resolutions on October 20.

Business appointments

Two directors for board of Haslemere Estates

Mr Timothy O'Rourke and Mr Christopher Benham are to join the board of Haslemere Estates on November 1.

Sir John Harford has been appointed a director of Provincial Insurance.

Mr Peter Hamilton has been made chairman of GKN Engineering and Construction Services in succession to Mr G. L. W. Fryer who has resigned through ill-health. Mr Hamilton remains chairman of the Firth Cleveland sub-group of GKN.

Mr Hugh Mellor has been made group financial director of British Road Services.

Mr C. P. Baker has been appointed company chairman and Mr D. C. Bates managing director of Glanvill Enthoven (Underwriting). Mr R. T. Bell and Mr J. J. P. Toomey become directors.

Mr Alan Devereux, managing director of Scotcros, becomes deputy chairman. Mr Alastair Mitchell, financial director, will succeed Mr Devereux as group managing director.

Mr Carlos M. Canal, Jr, Bankers Trust Company's executive vice-president in charge of international banking, has stepped down as chairman of Bankers Trust International and is succeeded by Mr John F. McDaniels, who continues as managing director. Mr Canal remains a director of BTI.

Mr J. F. Cowell has given up the post of joint managing director of Flexello Castors and Wheels. Mr I. A. Duck now becomes sole managing director. Mr Cowell continues as an executive director and chairman of the Flexello group.

Mr D. N. Devenish becomes deputy chairman and managing director of Rosser and Russell. Mr M. B. Swain has been made managing director of Rosser and Russell (London) and deputy chairman of Rosser and Russell (Northern). Mr A. C. E. Jordan is appointed managing director of Rosser and Russell (Northern) and Mr M. Appleyard joins the board.

Mr B. H. Axe and Mr J. Churchfield join the board of Eridon Wire.

Mr R. V. C. Robins, executive chairman of Stafford Knight, comes a non-executive directo Finlas Holdings.

Mr R. B. Burke and Mr Griffin become directors of under Howden Insurance Bro

Mr R. E. Nye joins the b of Walker Crosweller.

Mr L. A. Cole becomes m ging director of Andrews-Wes foil, succeeding Mr W. G. And who remains chairman. Mr E Biggs, Mr K. F. Butler, M Pelsall and Mr W. A. Reading the board.

Mr Tom Scott has been ap ted chairman of Sunbeam W and Mr John O'Connell join board. Mr Scott succeeds M O. Stanley, who has been el president.

Sir Arthur Bryan, Mr Evans, Sir Arthur Knight, Brian Rigby and Mr Victor R son have been appointed t British Overseas Trade Boar

Mr R. E. Clarke becomes man of H. Young Hold succeeding Mr R. Fisher, wh retired.

Mr B. G. Adams, Mr R Bosshard, Mr J. R. Charmat D. J. Downing and Mr K. Long have been made directo A. L. Sturge (Syndicates Ma ment).

Mr Patrick Dodson is n non-executive director of Nash Securities.

Mr Robert Tebb becomes man of Leigh Lineham or retirement of Mr Eric Adam

Mr P. C. H. Cook, ff director of Simon Engine has been made deputy cha of Simon-TR Holdings. Mr Waugh continues as chairman his retirement next May. G. B. M. Williams has be managing director.

Mr C. R. Wood, chief fi officer, at BR London Mi Region, has been made fin director and company secr British Rail Engineering. succeeds Mr J. B. Warts. transfers to British Rai Board to take up a senior p headquarters.

Mr A. D. Brook is to be finance director of ITC Ente ment from December 4.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Premier's resolve spurs market

Bolstered by hopes that Mr allaghan was firm in his esolve to keep inflation under ntrol the stock market went rongly ahead again yesterday. In light trading the *FT* rdinary share index climbed 9 to end only just off the top : 511.1, extending Tuesdays ain to some 12 points over the ro sessions.

'e may have seen the best of ustenburg, the world's biggest atinum producer. The South rican company has put on p or so over the last couple days after massively in- eased first half results. But at ound 100p the shares are ghly vulnerable to any set- ck in the metal price. rrently around $297 an nce. If the price goes above 00 the South Africans and ssibly the Russians who are e major producers, could be npted to sell more, so de- essing the metal price and th it the stock.

After hours trading was ther helped by rumours, sub- quently denied, that Ford car rkers were to return to work lay.

Some small institutional ying throughout the day shed leaders stocks ahead ing all but two of the index nstituents to higher levels. ectricals, however, proved to the brightest sector with ious rumours giving several cks substantial gains.

Gilts improved marginally at longer end where some ht buying added around a arter to most stocks. In rrs after trading in a narrow ige all day, stocks generally r up to a quarter by the se.

n leader stocks John Brown the way up with a 14p rise 466p while ICI firmed 5p to p, Rank climbed 6p to 270p and GKN at 272p and Unilever at 566p added 2p.

Glaxo, with figures on Monday rose 5p to 540p while Pilkingtons went 8p better to 315p.

In electricals EMI, reporting at 9.30 am this morning, firmed 3p to 146p. Decca "A", an old bid favourite, went 20p better to 440p while Eurotherm at 191p added 7p and MK Electric firmed 6p to 236p.

Farnell with interim figures next Tuesday proved to be a popular stock, rising 15p to 418p while ICL continues to be a high flyer spurting a further 20p to 480p. Speculation that Plessey might be about to sell its near 25 per cent stake added a penny to the shares at 124p while Racal, the rumoured buyer, marked time at 340p.

Elsewhere in the sector Thorn added 4p to 380p, Ferranti old climbed 21p to 385p and BICC firmed 7p to 142p.

S. Pearson firmed 4p to 232p encouraged by the sale of Warwick Castle to its subsidiary Madame Tussaud's.

Doubled profits from Hiltons Footwear added 3p to the shares at 105p while News International firmed some 4p to 250p. Trading news at Higgs & Hill, where half-time profits dipped and the chairman made a depressing statement for the full year, trimmed 7p from the shares at 77p. Rockware at 138p and Cope Allman at 71p held steady on the day while FC Finance added 11p to 69½p.

Johnson and Firth Brown firmed a penny to 70p after a 2.6m share placing by Birmingham & Midland Counties.

Speculative stocks Robertson Foods at 164p, United Carriers at 94p, J. Bibby at 247p and Morris & Blakey at 97p continued to improve while Lee Cooper added 11p to 148p ahead of figures due soon.

Sotheby rose 10p to 310p on United States expansion prospects while Compton Sons & Webb added 1p to 71p on bid hopes. Thoughts that Courtaulds might withdraw from the battle added a penny to its shares at 125p while Vantona, which recently increased its stake in Compton firmed 3p to 131p. Another potential bidder Carrington Viyella improved 1p to 38p.

In a firm oils sector, where there is plenty of buying interest BP at 912p and Shell at 580p improved 10p while LASMO with an increased loss at the half way stage slipped 4p to 152p.

A new record bullion price helped gold shares where East Driefontein climbed 46p to 771p, Western Areas added 15p to 177p and Winkelhaak rose 14p to 648p.

Fears that Wm Baird could lose the battle for control of fellow Scottish textiles group Dawson International are prompting some brokers to advise clients to sell their holdings in the market. The Dawson shares, at 199p, are only marginally below the 201p cash and paper offer but if the bid fails the equity could fall substantially.

Equity turnover on October 3 was £62.738m (15,499 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, BP, Shell, RTZ reg, Grand Metropolitan, Marks & Spencer, GUS A, Racal, THF, Thorn, Northern Eng Ind, BAT, GKN, ICL, Ferranti, Plessey, Decca and EMI.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Amalgamate Ind (F)	13.0(10.2)	1.2(0.96)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Beanford Grp (I)	2.3(2.1)	0.28(0.25)	4.2(3.6)	1.2(1.0)	7/12	—(—)
Bisichi Tin Co (F)	—(—)	0.06(0.03)	2.2(0.7)	0.29(0.26)	15/12	0.29(0.26)
Calcutta Elec (F)b	—(—)	52.2(53.2)	—(—)	7.75(6.75)	12/12	7.75(6.75)
Capseals (F)	19.7(18.0)	1.5(1.4)	8.3(8.7)	1.0(0.9)	24/11	1.9(1.7)
Cope Allman (F)	158.9(145.7)	9.1(9.9)	14.6(16.4)	1.9(1.7)	—	3.5(3.1)
F.C. Finance (I)	24.1(21.8)	0.94(0.40)	6.1(2.5)	1.1(1.0)	—	—(—)
Finlay Pack (I)	2.6(2.4)	0.24(0.24)	1.35(1.37)	0.27(0.25)	14/11	—(—)
Higgs & Hill (I)	51.0(56.0)	1.2(1.5)	7.6(9.7)	2.2(1.9)	—	—(—)
Hiltons Footwear (I)	4.8a(4.0)	0.40(0.20)	4.46(2.1)	1.3(1.15)	24/11	—(—)
Holt Lloyd Int (I)	18.97(15.53)	1.96(1.61)	9.39(7.6)	3.5(2.75)	17/2	—(—)
News Int (I)	86.4(79.7)	9.0(7.8)	17.1(20.1)	4.45(4.0)	3/11	—(—)
Rockware (I)	50.3(43.3)	3.5(4.3)	—(—)	2.2(1.9)	22/11	—(—)
Sanderson Kayser (I)	—(—)	0.580(0.583)	—(—)	1.47(1.47)	4/1/79	—(—)
Triplevest (I)	1.05(1.01)	0.90(0.87)	—(—)	2.4(2.3)	31/10	—(—)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.49. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a=26 weeks. b=Preliminary.

Holt Lloyd drive ahead despite food setback

By Michael Clark

There appears to be no slow up of the exceptional progress being made at Holt Lloyd International since the merger of Holt Products and Lloyd in 1975.

In spite of a slight setback in the foods division pre-tax profits of the Cheshire-based group for the six months to September 9, show an increase of 22 per cent to £1.96m. This was on turnover also up by 22 per cent to £18.97m. Earnings a share rose from 7.6p to 9.39p.

Mr Tom Heywood, chairman, said the group was achieving its target of above average growth and subject to normal trading conditions the board confidently expected the full year's results to confirm this progress.

If the advance of the first half is maintained the group can reasonably expect pre-tax profits of about £3.6m.

An interim dividend of 5.2p gross has been declared compared with 4.2p for the corresponding period.

Further progress continues to be made in the United Kingdom division with a 27 per cent increase in sales to £11.8m. The group's two latest products Bond-it and Contour, made for the household and DIY area, are selling well after promotional expenditure and further development in this field will continue.

The high street price war has had an adverse effect on the foods sector with sales sliding from £1.6m to 1.4m. Although margins were correspondingly reduced the net effect on group profits was insignificant, the chairman added.

Overseas sales and exports increased from £4.6m to £5.7m with operations in Europe performing well.

Midland's defence counter to Pentos in 70pc dividend rise

By Michael Prest

Midland Educational, the bookseller and stationer, which is the subject of a £2.16m bid from Pentos, the publishing, construction and garden equipment group, is raising its dividend by 70 per cent to 11.94p gross and revaluing its assets to 175p a share in defence.

Pentos does not intend at present to amend its offer, though a share alternative might be suggested if the Midland board were to recommend another offer.

In the rejection document Midland say that the company has experienced an annual compound growth rate of 25 per cent over the last 10 years, and that the Pentos bid represents less than nine times earnings of 16.86p for the year to the end of March 1978, if calculated on the basis of ED 19, which Midland is adopting this year.

The average price/earnings ratio for the stores sector is over 13, but the sector index is heavily weighted towards blue chip retailers such as Marks & Spencer.

Pentos argues that revaluing assets by £420,000 to £2.45 is irrelevant. Mr T. A. Maher, the Pentos chairman, says that the tax liability on realizing these capital gains would be 43p a share, reducing net asset value to 132p. He also points out that assets are not a measure of earnings.

The Midland defence document contains no profit forecast and Pentos claims that if the benefits from acquisitions are excluded for the last three years, Midland's earnings have barely grown. On its side, Midland says that about three months ago it was offered the Playground Toy business, a chain if nine retail outlets controlled by Pentos in which it has £100,000 committed. The offer was refused because the shops made little profit.

In the end, the battle depends on the extent to which Midland and Pentos are compatible concerns. Midland was founded a century ago as an educational supplier. Its shops sell china, toys, games, and glassware, as well as books, so that books, while important, are not critical. Pentos's bookshops include more up-market outlets such as Dillons in London and Hudsons in Birmingham, and the company prides itself on its modern techniques of stock control and ordering.

JFB stake is placed through market

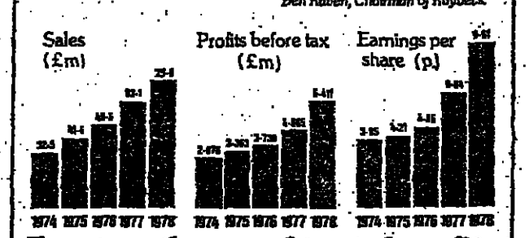
Birmingham & Midland Counties Trust has placed its stake in Johnson & Firth Brown through the market with 10 major institutions at 68.5p a share. The market price was 70p.

The group, which is a private company run by Mr Cecil McBride and Mr Graham Ferguson Lacy, obtained the stake after accepting the JFB offer for Weston Evans Group, on its 42 per cent holding, following the failure of of its own bid.

Despite the fact that its bid for Weston had gone unconditional under a previous offer, JFB raised its terms for Western to secure the irrevocable acceptance of Birmingham. The bid gave Birmingham a profit of £1.2m on its investment.

The years ahead could be very exciting indeed

Ben Raven, Chairman of Raybeck



Fourteenth year of record profits
since becoming a quoted public company

- Sales for the year ended 29th April 1978 increased by 20.3% to £75.9m (1977 £63.1m)
- Profits before taxation increased by 37.4% to £6.41m (1977 £4.67m)
- Earnings per share increased by 44.7% to 9.61p (1977 6.64p)
- "Sales for the current year to date are significantly higher than in the corresponding period of the previous year"
- Approximately 65% of Raybeck's profits now from retailing
- "...We are now on the threshold of a new era...sales to go easily through the £100m barrier in 1979/80 if not in the current year...target must now be to see how quickly we can achieve sales of £150m and then £200m with continuing record profits"

Raybeck

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London & Scottish Marine half-time loss of £5.3m

ondon & Scottish Marine s losses amounted to £5.3m the six months to June 30 3 compared with £3.3m the vious year.

he board said that the losses e from interest payable on ey borrowed to finance the pany's nine per cent share the Ninian Field develop- t costs. Production from the d is now expected to start lovember or December this after several months y.

xploration and drilling ex- diture of £20,000 was tten off and administrative rges amounted to £312,000 pared with £182,000.

s chairman, Mr G. W. le, said that details of ncing increased cash irements will be sent to eholders at the earliest ortunity.

iinness Peat plans e-for-one scrip

hile it is still too early to a forecast of the current 's results Lord Kissin, rman of Guinness Peat, said ing conditions in the group inue to be satisfactory, and he has every confidence in future.

he board proposes to in- se the group's authorized e capital from £10m to m and also make a scrip e of one-for-one. This will g the group's issued share ital more into line with its all worth, and is expected mprove marketability of its es.

nalgamated Inds mbs 34 pc

malgamated Industrials pre- profit increased by 34 per to £1.2m in the year to ember 31. Turnover rose by to £13m while trading fit remained at the same l of £1.1m as the previous r.

he dividend on the ordinary es, which are all held by n Trust after a capital re- anization last year, absorbed ,000 compared with £209,000 1976.

lling and Redland US forays

he latest companies to ich bids in the US are mas Tilling and Redland. ing is paying $19m (about m) cash for D. L. Saslow, holders of 37 per cent of Saslow shares have agreed. lland is paying $26.2m lm) for Automated Building ponents of Miami for its subsidiary. ABC makes fas- ngs for roof and floor ses sold under the "Gang l" trade mark.

ipperrods profit argins depressed

ripperrods International, ope's leading manufacturer supplier of carpet-laying essories continues to face ressed profit margins rding to the chairman, Mr . Cowan.

or the first six months, he , although turnover in- sed by 32 per cent, pre-tax fits remained constant.

owever, a 45 per cent rease in turnover for the ond half of the year com- ed with the same period in previous year resulted in improvement in profitability. groups pre-tax profits for full year were £633,475 3,517) which included 49 on the sale of company property. Earnings per share for the year were 12.48p (8.9p).

The total dividend recommended for the full year is 6.9p gross per share (5.3p gross) which comprise an interim dividend of 2.45p gross paid on April 4 and the final recommended dividend of 4.45p gross.

Racal Group enters *telex communications*

Racal Electronics Group has bought a larger stake in message communications and telex management group Enquiry Systems. The company to be re-named Racal-ESL will concentrate its activities in the fast developing high technology area of automatic desk-to-desk message handling using microprocessor controlled equipment.

ESL has been a Racal associated company with Racal holding a 20 per cent stake for the past 5 years.

A further 60 per cent has been acquired for £378,000 by Racal who now own 89 per cent of the share capital with options to purchase the balance from the remaining shareholders. ESL's last complete financial year which ended on July 31, showed a turnover in excess of £800,000 and the company forecasts that this figure will double in two years.

Tridant says 'wait' on Starwest bid

Independent directors of Tridant Group Printers are now advising shareholders to "take no action" on the takeover offer from Starwest Investments, the private company owned by Starwest's chairman, Mr Reymo Dipre.

This follows the surprise appearance of a rival bidder with a higher offer for the newspapers and printing firm. Argus Press, which forms part of the British Electric Traction group, came out with an offer of 100p a share to value the whole company at almost £4.4m. That compares with the 85p offer from Starwest that had earlier won the backing of the independent Tridant directors. The Tridant directors now say they are suspending their recommendation pending discussions with the Argus board.

JCEG accounts are delayed

There has been a delay in the preparation of the report and accounts of J. C. E. G. an industrial holding group caused by the resignation at a late stage in the audit timetable, of the auditors of the companies' 90 per cent-owned subsidiary, Johnson Machinery (Scotland).

In their letter of resignation, the auditors confirmed that there were no circumstances that should be brought to the notice of the companies' members or creditors. Accordingly the board expects the report and accounts to be despatched to members not later than November 15.

Options

Turnover on the traded options pitch was contained at 795 contracts yesterday. ICI with 150 deals, was the most active stock while BOC and Commercial Union saw no trade at all.

EMI with figures this morning was hardly tested with only two of its stocks seeing any business. However a call was taken in the stock on the conventional options market.

Change in fashion spur to Hilton

By Tony May

The consumer boom and the change in fashion to narrower-toed shoes has helped Hiltons Footwear to a 99 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £408,000 for the six months to July 28. Turnover of this Leicester-based retailing group went up from £4.04m to £4.8m. Earnings a share improved from 2.16p to 4.46p, and the dividend from 1.75p to 1.93p gross. The board also proposes an additional 0.08p gross on account of last year and will be looking at the dividend cover to see if more than a 10 per cent increase can be paid for the full year.

The results are flattered by comparison with the first half of last year, which showed a 10 per cent decline.

Mr Geoffrey Hilton, the chairman, points out that the results for the second half will be seen against the increased figures for the same period last year, and while trade continues to improve, it is clear that profits for the full year will not show the same proportionate increase as the first half.

Nevertheless, the group is clearly headed for another record total and somewhere between £1.25m and £1.5m seems likely. The interim results did not include £696,000 at extraordinary items—the surplus on the sale of the Guildford shop property.

Higgs & Hill give warning after 24pc decline in first leg

The depressed conditions of the British construction industry coupled with bad weather conditions, as expected, had an adverse affect on the interim figures at Higgs & Hill.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30 show a slide of 24 per cent to £1.2m on turnover also down by £5m to £51m.

On top of this Mr Edwin Phillips, chairman, warns shareholders that present expectations for the second half show that the group should only equal the profits achieved in the first half. Last year the group pushed up pre-tax profits by 37.5 per cent to £3.13m.

News of the warning sent the shares plunging 7p to 77p yesterday.

An interim dividend of 3.3p gross has been declared against 2.97p for the corresponding period.

Mr Phillips pointed out that while there had been successful completion of some major construction projects the group has encountered problems with some of its latest work.

Not only has the civil engineering side suffered as the results of the wet winter and spring but there has been further delay in bringing the group's overseas contracts in to profit. In the meantime, the non-contracting side of the business has managed to maintain its contribution to profits, although the group is beginning to see the benefit of resources employed, the chairman added.

Following the general pattern in the UK, the intake of new construction orders has fallen, but the group is continuing its policy of increasing its activities elsewhere. These areas of activity are overseas construction, property development, house building and the new pipework subsidiary.

In Egypt, the Cairo Plaza project, which was taken on a management fee basis, is now well under way with more work also being undertaken in Trinidad. However, the group has decided against continuing in Saudi Arabia.

A modest but steady growth is being achieved in housebuilding while in property development a number of promising new schemes are being undertaken.

Unilever sells Ellis stake to ICI

By Rosemary Unsworth

Unilever has sold 29 per cent of its stake in Ellis & Everard, the solid fuel distributor and chemical merchant, to ICI for about £2.2m.

The sale, at 115p a share, was a result of Ellis & Everard's disposal of its building supplies division in May. It was sold to Travis & Arnold for £3.5m after the building industry recession had reduced profits. E & E said it intended to reinvest the proceeds in profitable commercial activities.

Unilever acquired a 31 per cent holding in the group in connexion with an offer made in 1973. ICI confirmed yesterday that it had purchased the £1.9m shares from Unilever.

Ellis & Everard has also acquired ICI's 30 per cent stake in Ellis & Everard (Chemicals), its subsidiary, for £1.4m. The first cash payment will be made immediately and the remainder next year. The company will become a wholly-owned E & E subsidiary.

E & E (Chemical) is a distribution business which already has trading arrangements with ICI and other chemical manufacturers to distribute small lots of chemicals in the UK. The company will continue operations in the same way and any chemical businesses acquired by E & E will be transferred to it. Its pre-tax profits were £268,000 in the year to April 30, 1978.

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MARKET REPORTS

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

US STRAIGHTS ($)	Bid	Offer
Australia 8 1983	96¾	96¾
Austria 8½ 1990	95	95½
Avco 9½ 1985	98¼	99
Barclays 8½ 1992	93½	95¼
Beatrice 7½ 1983	95	95¼
Canadair 8½ 1983	97¼	97¾
CECA 9 1993	99½	99¾
Charbonnage de France 8¼ 1981	98	98½
Citicorp 6¾ 1980	95	95½
Citicorp 7 1981	94¾	95½
DFC New Zealand 8½ 1983	95¾	96¾
DFC New Zealand 8¾ 1983	96¼	96
Dow Chemical 8 1986	94½	95¼
EEC 7¾ 1979	98	98½
EEC 8¾ 1993	93¼	97½
EIB 8 1984	94¼	95¼
EIB 9¼ 1993	98¼	99¼
Elf-Aquitaine 8½ 1985	94½	95
Eurofima 8½ 1988	93½	93½
I.C. Industries 9 1985	97¾	98¼
ITEL 9¾ 1988	93½	94½
I.U. 8¾ 1987	95¼	96¼
MacMillan Bloedel 9¾ 1995	98	99
Midland Bank 8¾ 1992	96½	97
NCB 8 1987	93¼	94¼
National Westminster 9 1986	100¼	100¾
New Zealand Forest Products 9 1986	98	98½
Newfoundland 9½ 1990	99¼	99¾
Nordic Invest. Bank 8½ 1988	97	97½
Norsk Hydro 7¾ 1982	95	95½
Norway 7¾ 1983	95	95½
Offshore Mining 8½ 1983	95	95½
Occidental 8½ 1983	96¼	96¼
J. C. Penney 8¼ 1987	93¼	93¾
Quebec Hydro 9½ 1993	95¼	95¾
Renault 8¾ 1981	98½	99
R. J. Reynolds 7¾ 1982	95¾	96¼
Shell 8¾ 1990	95¾	95¾
Tauernautobahn 8¾ 1987	96¼	96¾
CANADIAN DOLLARS		
Avco 9¾ 1982	97¼	97¾
Ford 8½ 1984	96¼	96¾
General Motors 9¼ 1983	97¾	98¼
Royal Bank of Canada 9 1992	97¼	98¼
Union Carbide 9¾ 1986	98	98½
FLOATING RATE NOTES		
Chase Manhattan 9 5/16 1993	97¾	98¾
Intl Westminster 8 1984	99¼	99¾
Midland 9 7/16 1993	98¼	98¾
Offshore Mining 9 7/16 1986	98¾	99¼
Williams & Glyns 9¾ 1984	99¼	99¾
US $ CONVERTIBLES		
American Express 4¼ 1987	81½	83
Babcock & Wilcox 7 1992	135¼	139½
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	99	100¾
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1992	111¼	119
Beecham 6¼ 1992	117¾	118¾
Boots 6½ 1993	99¼	100½
Borden 5 1992	98	99¼
Broadway Hale 4½ 1987	74	75½
Carnation 5 1988	76	77½
Dart 4¾ 1987	82½	84
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	85	87
Economic Labs 4½ 1987	80	81½
Firestone 5 1988	73½	75
Ford 5 1988	85½	85
General Electric 4¼ 1987	85½	87
Gillette 4¾ 1987	76½	78
Gulf & Western 5 1988	87	88½
Harris 5 1992	218	220
Honeywell 6 1986	85½	88
ICI 6¾ 1992	97½	98¾
INA 6 1997	98¾	99½
Inchcape 6¾ 1992	114	116½
ITT 4½ 1987	87½	89
Jusco 6 1992	150	151
Komatsu 7½ 1990	147½	156½
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	157½	159½
Nabisco 5¾ 1988	106	107½
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	118	119½
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	74½	76
Revlon 4½ 1987	132	133½
Reynolds Metal 5 1988	84	87½
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1987	90½	93
Squibb 4½ 1987	81	82½
Texaco 4½ 1988	75½	77
Texas Int Airlines 7½ 1993	98	99
Toshiba 6½ 1992	140	141
Tyco 8½ 1988	105	106
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	87½	89
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	81½	83
Warner Lambert 4¾ 1988	73½	77
Xerox 5 1988	75½	77

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited

CSR DEBENTURE OFFER

CSR of Australia says its A$25m debenture issue, announced on August 16, opened and closed immediately when oversubscriptions exceeded *the limit of A$5m.*

BERGER JENSON & NICHOLSON

Hoechst UK, which owns all Berger's *ordinary capital is making* an agreed offer for the 998,554 7 per cent cumulative preference shares of Berger at 81p per share.

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Barclays Bank	10%
BCCI Bank	10%
Consolidated Crdts	10%
C. Hoare & Co	*10%
Lloyds Bank	10%
London Mercantile	10%
Midland Bank	10%
Nat Westminster	10%
Rossminster	10%
TSB	10%
Williams and Glyn's	10%

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 6¼%, up to £25,000, 7¼%, over £25,000, 7¾%.

Commodities

COPPER was easier.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £743-744 a metric ton; *three months, £764-765. Sales, 8,100.* Cash cathodes, £733-35.50; three months, £755.50-56.50. Sales, 225 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £748.50-49.50, three months, £769.50-70.00. Settlement, £749.50. Sales, 7,300 tons. Cash cathodes, £737-37.50; three months, £758-58.60. Settlement, £737.50. Sales, 75 tons.

SILVER was barely steady.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot 295.00p per troy ounce; three months, 302.70p; six months, 310.90p; one year 327.10p. London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 293.8-94.0; three months, 301.5-01.6p. Sales, 60 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 295.2-95.4; three months, 302.8-03.0p. Settlement, 295.4. Sales, 65 lots.

TIN was steady.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £7,165-80 a metric ton; three months, £6,965-70. Sales, 350 tons. High grade, cash, £7,165-80; three months, £6,960-7,000. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £7,140-45; three months, £6,935-50. Settlement, £7,145. *Sales, 727 tons. High grade,* cash, £7,140-50; three months, £6,930-65. Settlement, £7,150. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, SM1,866 a picul.

LEAD was firmer.—Afternoon.—Cash, £394.50-95.50 per metric ton; three months, £393.50-94.00. Sales, 8,625 tons. Morning.—Cash, £392.25-94.50; three months, £392.50-92.75. Settlement, £394.50. Sales, 4,500 tons.

ZINC was fairly steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £340.50-41.50 a metric ton; three months, £350-50.50. Sales, 4,100 tons. Morning.—Cash, £342.50-43.00; three months, £352-52.50. Settlement, £343. Sales, 2,350 tons. All afternoon prices are *unofficial.*

PLATINUM was at £149.35 ($296) a troy ounce (new high).

ALUMINIUM was quietly steady.—Afternoon.—Three months, £582-583 a metric ton. Sales, 225 tons. Morning.—Three months, £581-81.50. Sales, 1,500 tons.

RUBBER is uncertain (pence per kilo).—Nov, 62-65; Dec, 62.50-63.75; Jan-March, 65-65.30; April-June, 67.50-67.60; July-Sept, 69.70-69.80; Oct-Dec, 71.65-71.75; Jan-March, 73.65-73.00; April-June, 75.65-75.70; July-Sept, 77.65-77.70. Sales: 345 lots at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were dull. Spot, 63-65. Cifs, Nov, 62.25-62.75; Dec, 63.50-64.00.

SOYABEAN MEAL was about steady (£ per metric ton). Oct, 116.80-18.00; Dec, 117.70-18.00; Feb, 120-20.20; April, 120.40-20.60; June, 120.80-21.00; Aug, 120.50-22.50; Oct, 121-26. Sales: 133 lots.

COFFEE: Robustas were firm; arabicas were dull.

ROBUSTAS (£ per metric ton). Nov, 1,610-1,612; Jan, 1,525-28; March, 1,335-40; May, 1,380-90; July, 1,311-15; Sept, 1,310-20; Nov, 1,295-1,308. Sales: 5,175 lots including 12 options.

ARABICAS: All positions unquoted.

COCOA was easier (£ per metric ton). Dec, 1,956-97; March, 1,984-85; May, 1,495-2,000; July, 1,988-90; Sept, 1,970-75; Dec, 1,925-30; March, 1,920-35. Sales: 2,446 lots including 4 options. ICCO prices: daily, 172.78c; 15-day average, 172.31c; 22-day average, 170.61 (US cents per lb).

SUGAR: The London daily price of "raws" *was unchanged at £111; the* "whites" price was unchanged at £111.50. Futures were easy.—Dec, £114.50-14.55; March, £117.75-17.80; May, £119.65-20.00; Aug, £122.50-24.80; Oct, £125.75-25.80; Dec, £128-28.75; *March, £132-32.75.* Sales: 3,238 lots. ISA prices: 8.95c; 15-day average 8.42c.

White sugar was quiet.—Feb, £119.50-19.90; April, £122.75-23.50; July, £127.75-28.00; Sept, £131.25-32.00; Nov, £134-36; *Feb, £137-41; April,* £139.50-43.00. Sales: 201 lots.

Wool: Greasy futures (price per kilo).—Australian (quiet): Oct, 223-35; Dec, 228-31; March, 233-36; May, 233-38; July, 234-45; Oct, 234-40; Dec, 235-35; March, 239-87. Sales: nil. New Zealand crossbreds (quiet): Dec, 187.5-90.0; March, 187.5-90.0; May, 190.5-93.0; July, 191-95; Oct, 193.0; Dec, 193.5-95.0; March, 191-95. Sales: nil.

JUTE was steady. Bangladesh white "C" grade, Oct-Nov $502 per long ton. "D" grade, Oct-Nov $486.

GRAIN.—The Baltic.—WHEAT.—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: Oct £95.45 Tilbury. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Oct £84.45; Nov £85.45; Dec £87.20 trans-shipment east coast. US hard winter 13½ per cent: Oct £84.70; Nov £85.70 trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French: Oct £103; Nov £101; Dec £102 trans-shipment east coast. South African white: Oct-Nov £61.50 Glasgow. South African yellow: Oct-Nov £61.50 Glasgow.

BARLEY.—*English feed fob:* Oct, £81; Nov £83 sellers east coast. Nov £83.50; Dec £84 paid. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was fully steady: Nov £80.85; Jan £83.70; March £86; May £88.45. Sales: 179 lots. WHEAT was *fully steady:* Nov £88.40; Jan £91.20; March £93.65; May £96.05. Sales: 106 lots.

Other	Milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Shropshire	—	£85.50	£74.40
Essex	£88.60	£85.60	—

Meat Commission: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 4: GB: Cattle, 66.86p per kg lw (+0.35). UK: Sheep, 135.4p per kg est dcw (+4.3). GB: Pigs, 65.9p per kg lw (+1.6). England and Wales: Cattle number down 0.7 per cent, average price 66.57p (+0.46). Sheep numbers up 3.4 per cent, average price 135.9p (+4.5). Pig numbers down 16.2 per cent, average price 65.9p (+1.6). Scotland: Cattle *numbers up 26.8 per cent, average* price 67.67p (−0.27). Sheep numbers down 15.9 per cent, average price 128.4p (+0.6). Pig numbers down 26.7 per cent, average price 65.2p (+2.1).

Wall Street

New York, Oct 4.—The New York stock market closed higher today, overcoming its early losses. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 5.97 points to 873.87. It was off 4½ points early in the session.

About 738 issues gained with some 695 lower. Volume totalled 25,140,000 shares compared with 22,540,000 shares Tuesday.

The dollar began to rebound on foreign exchanges in Europe late Wednesday after the New York Federal Reserve Bank apparently moved to support it.

Dealers reported speculation that the United States might be assuming a more aggressive strategy on propping up the dollar.

Prior to the Fed intervention, the dollar set a record low against the Deutsche mark and a broad *decline against all main currencies*

Also in the economic news, the Council on Wage and Price Stability, in a report on inflation during the first *eight months of* the year, said "substantial acceleration is still evident" in the nation's inflation rate despite a recent slowing of *price rises.*

Coffee gains 3.10 cents

New York, Oct 4.—COFFEE futures closed at *or near the highs, up 1.19* to 3.10 cents with strongest support in July and Dec, 1979. Estimated volume was 950 lots. Traders attributed the advance mainly to trade house buying. Dec, 154.75-5.00c; March, 146.75-90c; May, 141.00-50c; July, 137.50-8.50c; Sept, 135.50c; Dec, 133.00-4.00c; March, 125.00-35.00c.

COCOA futures closed 3 to 1.20 cents higher. Dec, 168.95c; March, 163.95c; May, 157.50c; July, 165.45c; Sept, 163.45c; Dec, 159.35c.

SUGAR futures in No 11 contract were: Jan, 9.20c; March, 9.35c; May, 9.50-52c; July, 9.68c; Sept, 9.85-86c; Oct, 9.92-94c; Jan, 9.90-10.30c; *March, 10.00-0.50c.*

COTTON futures were: Oct, 63.65-75c; Dec, 65.80-95c; March, 68.00-07c; May, 69.30c; July, 69.30-40c; Oct, 66.10-20c; Dec, 65.80-90c; March, 66.75 bid.

SILVER futures were: Oct, 578.60c; Nov, 582.60c; Dec, 586.70c; Jan, 590.90c; March, 599.50c; May, 608.30c; July, 617.50c; Sept, 636.80c; Dec, 641.20c; Jan, 645.90c; March, 655.50c; May, 665.20c; July, 675.00c. Handy and Harman of Canada, Can$6.886 (previous Can$6.854).

GOLD.—Futures were: NY COMEX.—Oct, $224.00; Nov, $225.50; Dec, $227.00; Feb, $230.70; April, $234.40; June, $238.10; Aug, $241.90; Oct, $245.70; *Dec, $249.60; Feb, $253.60;* April, $257.70; June, $261.80; Aug, $265.90. CHICAGO IMM.—Dec, $226.90-227.10; March, $232.40-233.60; June, $238.40-238.10; Sept, $244.10; Dec, $249.80; March, $256.00; June, $262.00.

COPPER futures closed steady between 30 and 60 points up. Oct, 66.85c; Nov, 67.40c; Dec, 68.00c; Jan, 68.55c; March, 69.60c; May, 70.65c; July, 71.65c; Sept, 72.55c; Dec, 73.00c; Jan, 74.20c; March, 75.00c; May, 75.80c; July, 76.60c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Futures were: SOYABEANS.—Nov, 671-1c; Jan, 678½-9c; March, 686-5½c; May, 688½-9c; July, 688c; Aug, 681c; Sept, 664c; Nov, 658c. SOYABEAN OIL.—Oct, 26.20-25c; Dec, 25.60-65c; Jan, 25.30c; March, 25.01-05c; May, 24.80-75c; July, 24.50-55c; Aug, 24.15c; Sept, 23.75-85c; Oct, 23.50c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—Oct, $175.80-70; Dec, $179.00-8.00; Jan, $179.90-80; March, $181.00-0.30; May, $181.80-60; July, $183.60; Aug, $182.50; Sept, $179.50; Oct, $177.50-7.00. CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT.—Dec, 343½-4½c; March, 350c; May, 354½c; July, 351½-¼c; Sept, 324½c; Dec, 329½c. CORN.—Dec, 229-9½c; March, 258½c; May, 245½-5c; July, 248½c; Sept, 251c; Dec, 251½c. OATS.—Dec, 146c; March, 153c; May, 156c asked; July, 155½c.

	Oct 4	Oct 3		Oct 4	Oct 3		Oct 4	Oct 3
Allied Chem	35¼	35	Fst Penn Corp	15½	15¼	Raytheon	47½	47½
Allied Stores	28	28	Ford	44¼	44½	RCA Corp	30	29¾
Allied Supermkt	2¼	2¼	GAF Corp	13⅝	13⅝	Republic Steel	26⅝	26⅝
Allis Chalmers	35⅞	35⅞	Gamble Skogmo	33½	33½	Reynolds Ind	62¾	61⅞
Alcoa	47⅞	46	Gen Dynamics	83¼	82¾	Reynolds Metal	36⅝	35⅝
Amax Inc	48⅞	47⅝	Gen Electric	53	53¼	Rockwell Int	36¼	36⅝
Amerada Hess	31½	31½	Gen Foods	33¾	33½	Royal Dutch	65½	65⅝
Am Airlines	16⅝	16⅝	Gen Mills	30⅝	30⅝	Safeways	43⅝	43⅝
Am Brands	50	50	Gen Motors	63⅝	62⅞	St Regis Paper	32½	31⅞
Am Broadcast	55⅝	55	Gen Pub Util NY	18⅝	18⅝	Santa Fe Ind	34⅞	34⅝
Am Can	39¼	38⅞	Gen Tel Elec	30¼	30½	SCM	21⅝	22
Am Cyanamid	29⅝	29⅝	Gen Tire	28	28⅝	Schlumberger	90⅝	90⅞
Am Elec Power	23⅜	23⅝	Genesco	6⅝	6⅞	Scott Paper	16⅜	16⅝
Am Home	29⅝	29⅝	Georgia Pacific	29⅜	29⅜	Seaboard Coast	33	33
Am Motors	6⅝	6⅝	Getty Oil	41½	41⅞	Seagram	33⅜	27⅜
Am Nat Res	46⅝	45⅞	Gillette	31⅝	31⅝	Sears Roebuck	22⅝	22⅝
Am Standard	50	50	Goodrich	20⅜	20⅜	Shell Oil	36⅝	36⅝
Am Telephone	62⅝	62⅝	Goodyear	17½	17½	Shell Trans	45⅞	44⅞
AMF Inc	20⅝	20½	Gould Inc	32	31⅞	Signal Co	53⅜	51⅞
Armco Steel	31⅜	32	Grace	31⅞	29⅝	Singer	18⅝	18⅝
Asarco	16½	16½	Gt Atlte & Pacific	7⅛	7⅛	Sony	7⅞	7⅞
Ashland Oil	46⅝	46½	Greyhound	13⅝	13⅝	Sth Cal Edison	29⅞	29⅝
Atlntic Richfield	54⅝	54⅝	Grumman Corp	18⅝	18⅝	Southern Pacific	31	31
Avco	30¼	30⅝	Gulf Oil	25⅛	25⅛	Southern Rly	55⅝	56
Avon Products	54½	54⅝	Gulf & West	16⅝	16⅝	Sperry Rand	43⅝	43⅝
Babcock & Wcox	59⅝	59⅝	Heinz H. J.	42⅛	43⅝	Std Brands	26½	26⅝
Bankers Tst NY	37	36⅝	Hercules	17	16⅝	Std Oil Califnia	47½	47
Bank of America	27	27¼	Honeywell	65⅞	64⅝	Std Oil Indiana	53⅝	53⅞
Bank of NY	35⅝	35⅝	IC Inds	22⅝	22⅝	Std Oil Ohio	38	37½
Beatrice Foods	25⅝	25⅝	Ingersoll	58½	58⅝	Sterling Drug	17½	18⅝
Bell & Howell	20⅜	20⅝	Inland Steel	37⅝	38⅝	Stevens J. P.	16⅝	16⅝
Bendix	38½	38¼	IBM	281	278⅝	Stude Worth	60⅝	60
Bethlehem Steel	24⅝	23⅝	Int Harvester	38⅞	38⅝	Sunbeam Corp	21⅝	21⅝
Boeing	64	63⅝	INCO	17⅝	17⅝	Sun Comp	44⅝	44⅝
Boise Cascade	30⅞	31⅝	Int Paper	44⅝	44⅝	Teledyne	102⅝	100
Borden	29⅞	29⅝	Int Tel Tel	31⅝	30⅞	Tenneco	31½	31⅝
Borg Warner	32⅝	32⅝	Jewel Co	23	24⅝	Texaco	24⅞	24⅞
Bristol Myers	33⅝	33⅝	Jim Walter	33⅞	32⅝	Texas East Corp	38⅝	38⅝
BP	18	17½	Johns-Manville	32⅝	32⅝	Texas Inst	89⅝	89⅝
Burlington Ind	19⅝	19⅝	Johnson & John	84⅝	83⅝	Texas Utilities	20⅝	20
Burlington Nthn	43⅝	43⅝	Kaiser Alumin	19⅝	20⅝	Textron	31½	30⅝
Burroughs	78⅝	78⅞	Kennecott	28⅝	27⅝	TWA	25⅝	24⅝
Campbell Soup	34⅝	34⅝	Kerr McGee	46⅝	46⅝	Travelers Corp	37⅝	37⅝
Canadian Pacific	20	20	Kimberly Clark	45⅝	45⅝	TRW Inc	39⅝	39⅝
Caterpillar	57⅞	57⅞	Kraftco Corp	47⅝	47⅝	UAL Inc	41⅝	40⅝
Celanese	43¼	43	K Mart	27⅝	27⅝	Unilever Ltd	46	46
Central Soya	14⅝	14⅝	Kroger	35⅝	34	Unilever NV	62	61⅝
Charter NY	33⅝	33⅝	*Ligget Group*	33⅝	33⅝	*Union Bancorp*	26⅝	26⅝
Chase Manhat	35⅞	35	L.T.V. Corp	9⅝	9⅝	Union Carbide	40	39⅝
Chem Bank NY	41⅝	42	Litton	23⅝	23⅝	Union Oil Calif	55⅝	55⅝
Chesapeake Ohio	29⅝	30	Lockheed	28⅝	28⅝	Un Pacific Corp	54⅝	54⅝
Chrysler	11⅝	11⅝	Lucky Stores	16⅝	16⅝	Uniroyal	7	7
Citicorp	26⅝	26⅝	Manuf Hanover	38⅝	38⅝	United Brands	13⅝	13⅝
Cities Service	56⅝	56⅝	Mapco	35	35	*US Industries*	8⅝	8⅝
Clark Equip	37⅝	37½	Marathon Oil	51⅝	51⅝	US Steel	27⅝	26⅝
Coca Cola	44⅝	44⅝	Marine Midland	16⅝	16⅝	Utd Technol	43⅝	43⅝
Colgate	20⅝	20⅝	Martin Marietta	33⅝	33⅝	Wachovia	19⅝	19
CBS	55	55⅝	McDonnell	35⅝	35⅝	Warner Lambert	27⅝	27⅝
Columbia Gas	27⅝	27⅝	Mead	31⅝	30⅝	Wells Fargo	29⅝	29⅝
Combustion Eng	38⅝	38⅝	Memorex	48⅝	48⅝	West'n Bancorp	27⅝	27⅝
Comwlth Edison	26⅝	26⅝	Merck	58⅝	58⅝	Westnghse Elec	21⅝	21⅝
Cons Edison	24⅝	24⅝	Minnesota Mng	58⅝	58⅝	Weyerhauser	29⅝	29⅝
Cons Foods	23⅝	23⅝	Mobil Oil	71⅝	71⅝	Whirlpool	24⅝	24⅝
Cons Power	21	21⅝	Monsanto	57⅝	57⅝	White Motor	13⅝	13⅝
Continental Grp	30⅝	30⅝	Morgan J. P.	48	47⅝	Woolworth	21⅝	21⅝
Continental Oil	29⅝	29⅝	Motorola	43	44⅝	Xerox Corp	56⅝	55⅝
Control Data	38⅝	37	NCR Corp	61½	60⅝	Zenith	16⅝	16⅝
Corning Glass	59	58⅝	NL Industries	20⅝	20⅝			
CPC Intnl	50⅞	49⅝	Nabisco	27⅝	27⅝			
Crane	33⅝	33⅝	Nat Distillers	21⅝	21⅝			
Crocker Int	31⅝	30⅝	Nat Steel	31	31			
Crown Zeller	34⅝	34⅝	Norfolk West	28⅝	28⅝			
Dart Ind	43	43⅝	NW Bancorp	26⅝	26⅝			
Deere	35⅝	35⅝	Norton Simon	19⅝	19⅝			
Del Monte	43⅝	43⅝	Occidental Pet	19⅝	19⅝			
Delta Air	49⅝	47⅝	Ogden	32⅝	32⅝			
Detroit Edison	15⅝	15⅝	*Olin Corp*	24⅝	24⅝			
Disney	42⅝	41⅝	Owens-Illinois	21⅝	22			
Dow Chemical	29⅝	29⅝	Pacific Gas Elec	23⅝	23⅝			
Dresser Ind	42⅝	42⅝	Pan Am	9	9			
Duke Power	19⅝	19⅝	Penney J. C.	36⅝	36⅝			
Du Pont	131½	129⅝	Pennzoil	31⅝	31⅝			
Eastern Air	13	12⅝	Pepsico	27⅝	27⅝			
Eastman Kodak	63⅝	60⅝	Pet Inc	43	43			
Eaton Corp	40⅝	40⅝	Pfizer	36⅝	35⅝			
El Paso Nat Gas	17⅝	17⅝	Phelps Dodge	25⅝	24⅝			
Equitable Life	21	21⅝	Philip Morris	72⅝	72⅝			
Esmark	29⅝	28⅝	Phillips Petrol	34⅝	34⅝			
Evans P. D.	22	21⅝	Polaroid	52⅝	49⅝			
Exxon Corp	52⅝	52⅝	PPG Ind	29⅝	29⅝			
Fed Dept Stores	34⅝	34⅝	Proctor Gamble	88⅝	88⅝			
Firestone	12⅝	12⅝	Pub Ser El & Gas	23⅝	23⅝			
Fst Chicago	23⅝	23⅝	Pullman	45⅝	45⅝			
Fst Nat Boston	30⅝	30⅝	Rapid American	14⅝	14⅝			

Canadian Prices

Abitibi	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcan Alumin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Algoma Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell Telephone	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cominco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Bathurst	[illegible]	[illegible]
Falconbridge	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hawker Sid Can	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hudson Bay Min	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hudson Bay Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imasco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imperial Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int Pipe	17	17
Mass.-Fergsn	13	13
Royal Trust	19½	19¾
Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Steel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Talcorp	10	10
Thomson N 'A'	14⅝	14⅝
Walker Hiram	36⅝	37
WCT	11⅝	11⅝

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9837 (1.9745); three months, 1.9670 (1.9580); Canadian dollar 84.48 (84.35).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 380.12. The futures index was 382.30.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 873.87 (867.90); transportation 245.86 (244.40); utilities 106.06 (105.95); 65 stocks, 302.56 (300.87).

New York Stock Exchange index, 58.05 (57.80); industrials 63.55 (63.23); transportation 49.10 (48.79); utilities 39.95 (39.89); financial 62.26 (63.23).

Eurosyndicat

The Eurosyndicat Index on European share prices was put provisionally at 144.90 on October 3 against 141.33 a week earlier.

Foreign Exchange

With the help of the Federal Bank late in the session the dollar was able to climb off the bottom, but still finished widely lower against most major currencies. Earlier, despite Swiss National Bank and Bundesbank support, the dollar was unable to combat further massive switching operations which saw the dollar tumble to another all-time low against the Deutschmark. At the close the rate was 1.9010 (1.9115).

Sterling, although taking a back seat, moved ahead but closed below its peak of $1.9900 with a 90-point rise at $1.9825. The trade weighted index hardened to 62.6

Other good gains were made by the French franc 4.2875 (4.3120) and the yen 187.00 (187.40). The Swiss franc however, *strong* for most of the day, realigned itself with the dollar after central bank intervention to finish lower at 1.5925 (1.5730).

Gold gained $0.25 an ounce to close in London at $222.375.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) Oct 4	Market rates (close) Oct 4
New York	$1.9760-9900	$1.9820-9830
Montreal	$2.3450-3630	$2.3460-3470
Amsterdam	4.07-09½fl	4.08¼-09¼fl
Brussels	59.15-50f	59.30-45f
Copenhagen	10.42-47k	10.45½-46½k
Frankfurt	3.75-78m	3.76½-77½m
Lisbon	88.70-89.70e	89.00-30e
Madrid	140.30-141.00p	140.75-85p
Milan	1618-29 lr	1624-25 lr
Oslo	9.94-10.01k	9.99½-10.00½k
Paris	8.47½-8.50½f	8.49¼-50¼f
Stockholm	8.60-65k	8.63¾-64¾k
Tokyo	367-75y	370½-72½y
Vienna	27.25-45sch	27.35-45sch
Zurich	3.07-16½f	3.15-16f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971, was 62.6 up 0.1 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.60-.50c prem	1.65-1.55c prem
Montreal	.60-.50c prem	2.00-1.90c prem
Amsterdam	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	25-40c disc	5c prem-15c disc
Copenhagen	[illegible]	[illegible]
Frankfurt	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	50-150c disc	175-400c disc
Madrid	25-125c disc	150-250c disc
Milan	2-4lr disc	6-9lr disc
Oslo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	[illegible]	[illegible]

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.8446-49.

Euro-$ Deposits

Calls, 8¾-9; seven days, 8¾-9¼; one month, 8¾-9¼; three months, 9¼-9½; six months, 9¾-10.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $223 (an ounce); pm, $222¾. Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $229½-231½ (£115½-116½); resident, $230½-232½ (£116½-117½).

Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $60½-62½ (£30½-31½); resident, $63-65 (£31½-32½).

CHRISTOPHER MORAN

Trading volume has continued to expand, chairman says but the adverse effect of current weakness of the dollar is likely to be reflected in the company's earnings in sterling terms. Board is confident that profit for current year will be in excess of last year.

Discount market

The Bank of England mopped up a sizable surplus of day-to-day funds yesterday by selling a large quantity of Treasury bills to the houses. In a surplus situation, most houses appeared to be ready takers of money, chiefly in the region of 8¾ per cent. Rates, in fact, held within a band of 8-8¾ per cent throughout.

Identified factors suggested the authorities may have slightly over-*done the mopping. A small take-up* of Treasury bills drained funds from the market, but this was comfortably outweighed by above-*target balances brought over from* Tuesday, a sizable excess of Government disbursements over Revenue transfers to the Ex-*chequer, and a fall in the note* circulation.

Although the period rates continued to hold very firm, most top dealers felt that recent *suggestions* of an imminent sharp lift in MLR from the 10 per cent level set in June were wide of the mark.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10%
(Last changed 8.6.78)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 10%
Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: High 9½ Low 8
Week Fixed: 8½-8¾

Treasury Bills (Dis %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9⅝	2 months	9
3 months	9⅝	3 months	9⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Dis %) Trades (Dis %)

2 months	9½-9⅝	3 months	10¼
3 months	9⅝-9¾	4 months	10⅝
4 months	9⅝-9¾	6 months	10⅝
6 months	10¼-10		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	9¼-9½	7 months	10⅛-10⅝
2 months	9⅝-9½	8 months	10⅛-10⅝
3 months	9½-9⅞	9 months	10¼-10⅝
4 months	9⅞-9⅝	10 months	10¼-10⅝
5 months	9½-9⅞	11 months	10½-10⅝
6 months	10⅛-10¼	12 months	10⅝-10⅝

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	9⅜-9¼	6 months	10⅝-10⅜
3 months	9⅞-9⅝	12 months	10⅝-10⅝

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	8¾	3 months	9⅝
7 days	9¼	6 months	10⅛
1 month	9⅝	1 year	10⅝

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 8½-8¾ Close 8¾

1 week	8⅞-8¾	6 months	10⅛-10⅜
1 month	9⅜-9⅝	9 months	10⅜-10⅝
3 months	10-9⅞	12 months	10⅝-10⅝

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)

3 months	10⅝	6 months	10⅝

Finance House Base Rate 9½%

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Audiotronic 12% Cum Pfd (10)	13-1½
Camden 12½% Red 1985 (£99¼a)	£49¾
Carters Superfoods 20p Ord (55)	84
Forranti 50p Ord (101)	¼ prem
Do 50p (101)	387+20
Dunns 10¾% Cnv	298+21
Bullding Petroleum Serv 25p Ord (85)	1 90
Jones (Ernest) 10p Ord (115)	157
Southwark 11¼% 1987 (£99¼a)	£9¾ prem-¼

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Barlow Rand (R390)	Oct 13	8 prem
Change Wares (121)	Nov 30	2½ prem-1
E. F. Des Petroles (£101½)	..	20 prem
Dalgety (£85)	Nov 17	38 prem+9
Howden Gp (65)	Nov 10	21½ prem-½
Ldn and Midland (85½)	Oct 27	14 prem+2
Reliance (£n£ 4(123))	Dec 6	3 prem+2½
Wearwell (39)	Nov 6	10½ prem

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. + Issued by tender. x Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £30 paid. e £20 paid. f Fully paid. g £55 paid.

M. J. H. Nightingale & Co Limited
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The Over-the-Counter Market

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
74	29	Airsprung Ord	73xd	+2	5.5	7.5	9.6
203	106	Airsprung 18% ULS	190	—	18.5	9.7	—
46	25	Armitage & Rhodes	45	+2	3.6	8.0	8.1
180	105	Bardon Hill	177	—	12.0	6.7	9.6
143	51	Deborah Ord	140xd	+1	5.6	4.0	8.6
240	108	Deborah 17½% CULS	240	—	17.5	7.2	—
147	120	Frederick Parker	131	—	12.4	9.4	5.2
154	135	George Blair	154	—	15.0	9.7	5.7
60	36	Jackson Group	60	+1	5.0	8.3	7.0
116	55	James Burrough	115	—	6.5	5.7	10.6
340	188	Robert Jenkins	310	—	29.7	9.6	5.1
24	9	Twinlock Ord	22	—	—	—	19.6
82	54	Twinlock 12% ULS	82	—	12.0	14.6	—
93	54	Unilock Holdings	93	+3	7.4	7.9	10.0
122	67	Walter Alexander	122	—	7.2	5.9	7.5

JONES, STROUD (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

Trading results again a record

Mr Philip Jones, Chairman, reports on the year ended 31st March, 1978

- ★ Group profit before taxation was £2,408,000 an increase of 13%.
- ★ Turnover advanced from £21m to £25.6m.
- ★ Dividend increased by maximum permitted amount.
- ★ "Unless there are unforeseen developments I expect that current profits will comfortably exceed those of last year."

Copies of the Annual Report may be *obtained from The Secretary, Jones,* Stroud (Holdings) Limited, Vida Mills, New Street, Long Eaton, Nottingham NG10 1HF.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

1977/78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
37.3	24.2	Abbey Capital	35.9	38.5	4.09
50.4	35.7	Abbey General	49.2	51.3	4.69
44.3	28.8	Do Income	42.6	45.3	5.61
40.7	27.6	Do Invest	38.1	40.5	4.14
72.9	50.7	Equitas Prog	70.0	73.8	3.86
		Allen Trust Managers Ltd. Durrant Hse, Chiswell St, E.C.1			
80.9	57.4	Allen Trust (3)	76.6	82.4	3.92
		Allied Hambro Group. Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
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Insurance Bonds and Funds

Abbey Life Assurance Co Ltd. 1-3 St. Paul's Churchyard, EC4P 4DX 01-248 9111

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Offshore and International Funds

Arbuthnot Securities (CI) Ltd. PO Box 284, St Helier, Jersey.

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*Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous day's price. a Ex all. c Dealings suspended. d Ex dividend. f Cash value for £100 premium. g Bonus. h Estimated yield. k Yield before Jersey tax. p Periodic premium. s Single premium. *Dealing or valuation days*—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (6) Oct 18. (8) Oct 17. (10) Oct 31. (14) Nov 1. (16) Oct 18. (16) Oct 10. (18) Oct 10. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 2nd working day of month. (30) 18th of month. (31) working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) *18th of month.* (36) 24th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Monthly.

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Stock Exchange Prices

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ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Oct 2. Dealings End, Oct 13. § Contango Day, Oct 16. Settlement Day, Oct 24.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

City Offices

Hampton & Sons

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BRITISH FUNDS

1977/78 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
99¾		Treas 11½% 1979	101¼	..	11.372	8.690
		Treas 3% 1979	96	+⅛	3.125	7.439
		Elec 4½% 1974-79	97	+⅛	4.381	7.500
		Treas 10½% 1979	100¼	..	10.422	9.765
		Elec 3½% 1976-79	95¼	..	3.663	7.731
		Treas C 9% 1980	98⅛	..	9.143	10.229
		Treas 9½% 1980	98¼	–⅛	5.669	10.703
		Treas 3½% 1977-80	93⅞	..	3.724	7.406
		Fund 5¼% 1978-80	94⅞	..	5.531	8.543
		Exch 13% 1980	102⅝	+⅛	12.674	11.365
		Treas 11½% 1981	96⅜	+⅛	11.930	11.583
		Treas 3% 1979-81	89⅜	+⅛	3.899	8.362
		Exch 9¾% 1981	96⅛	+⅛	10.102	11.413
		Exch 8¼% 1981	93	+⅛	8.871	11.338
		Exch 3% 1981	95⅛	+⅛	9.992	11.586
		Exch 12¾% 1981	89⅜	+⅛	3.472	8.438
		Treas 8¼% 1980-82	102⅛	..	12.464	11.843
		Treas 3% 1982	92¼	..	9.209	11.349
		Treas 14% 1982	84⅝	+⅛	3.539	8.236
		Treas 8¾% 1982	108	..	12.207	11.839
		Exch 9¼% 1982	89⅞	–⅛	9.173	11.631
		Exch 8¾% 1983	91⅛	–⅛	10.061	11.857
		Exch 3% 1983	89⅛	–⅛	9.729	11.610
		Treas 12% 1983	82	..	3.658	7.944
		Treas 9½% 1983	100⅞	..	11.904	11.770
		Exch 10% 1983	94⅛	..	10.200	11.847
		Fund 5½% 1982-84	94⅛	+⅛	10.815	11.891
		Treas 8¼% 1984-86	83	+⅛	6.728	10.028
		Fund 6½% 1985-87	88⅛	+⅛	9.804	11.096
		Treas 7¾% 1985-88	77⅛	+⅛	8.364	10.319
		Trans 3% 1978-88	81⅛	+⅛	9.675	11.243
		Treas 5% 1986-89	63⅛	+⅛	4.755	8.691
		Treas 13% 1990	65¼	+⅛	7.648	10.336
		Treas 8¼% 1987-90	108	+⅛	12.015	12.474
		Treas 11¾% 1991	81¼	+⅛	10.484	11.623
		Fund 5¾% 1987-91	97⅞	+⅛	12.206	12.377
		Treas 12¼% 1992	64⅜	+⅛	8.916	11.063
		Treas 10% 1992	102⅛	+⅛	12.722	12.609
		Exch 12¼% 1992	85⅛	+⅛	11.817	12.370
		Treas 12½% 1993	96⅞	+⅛	12.601	12.678
		Fund 6% 1993	101¼	+⅛	12.712	12.744
		Treas 13¾% 1993	61⅞	+⅛	9.791	11.478
		Treas 14½% 1994	110⅛	+⅛	13.016	12.881
		Exch 12½% 1994	112	+⅛	13.111	12.900
		Treas 9% 1994	99¼	+⅛	12.761	12.600
		Treas 12% 1995	81¼	+⅛	11.576	12.174
		Gas 3% 1990-95	97⅛	+⅛	12.536	12.723
		Exch 10¼% 1995	44⅞	+⅛	6.692	9.904
		Treas 12¾% 1995	86⅛	+⅛	12.172	12.518
		Treas 9% 1992-96	104⅛	+⅛	12.786	12.779
		Treas 15¼% 1996	77⅛	+⅛	11.709	12.245
		Exch 13¼% 1996	114	+⅛	13.242	13.045
		Redmpln 3% 1986-96	106	+⅛	12.692	12.843
		Treas 13¼% 1997	43⅞	+⅛	6.903	9.708
		Exch 10½% 1997	105½	+⅛	12.696	12.942
		Treas 8¾% 1997	86¾	+⅛	12.364	12.616
		Treas 6¾% 1995-98	75	+⅛	11.799	12.296
		Treas 15½% 1998	60⅛	+⅛	11.670	11.958
		Exch 12% 1998	117½	+⅛	13.220	13.051
		Treas 9½% 1999	96⅛	+⅛	12.706	12.769
		Treas 10½% 1999	80⅞	..	12.067	12.379
		Exch 12¼% 1999-02	86½	+⅛	12.431	12.627
		Fund 3½% 1999-04	95⅛	+⅛	12.738	12.806
		Treas 8% 2002-06	36½	..	9.806	11.115
		Treas 5½% 2008-12	66⅝	+⅛	12.012	12.241
		Treas 7¾% 2012-15	47	+⅛	11.509	12.062
		Exch 12% 2013-17	69⅛	+⅛	12.162	12.248
			97½	+⅛	12.712	12.719
		Consols 4%	32⅝	..	12.688	..
		War Ln 3½%	31⅞	..	11.510	..
		Conv 3½%	34⅝	..	10.123	..
		Treas 3%	23½	..	12.771	..
		Consols 2½%	20¼	..	12.349	..
		Treas. 2½% Aft 75	19⅝	..	12.761	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. Yield	Red. Yield
Aust 5½% 77-80	94⅛	..	5.894	11.426
Aust 5½% 81-82	82½	+½	6.671	11.738
Aust 6% 81-83	60½	..	7.649	11.668
Aust 7% 79-81	88¼	..	7.889	12.186
Chilean Mixed	90	..	..	..
E Africa 5¼% 77-83	75¼	..	7.633	13.574
German 4½% 1930	400	..	..	..
Hungary 4½% 1924	49	..	..	..
Ireland 7½% 81-83	82½	..	..	..
Jamaica 7½% 77-79	98¼	+½	7.987	11.845
Japan Ass 4% 1910	385	–5	..	..
Japan 6% 83-88	69	..	..	..
Kenya 5% 78-82	78¼	..	6.446	13.508
Malaya 7¾% 78-82	88	..	8.831	12.571
N Z 6% 76-80	93½	+¼	6.458	11.654
N Z 7½% 88-92	66	+¼	11.309	12.885
N Z 7½% 83-86	82⅛	+¼	9.406	11.551
N Rhd 6% 78-81	89	..	6.848	12.356
Nyasa 6% 78-81	85¼	..	6.865	12.496
Peru 6% Ass	145	..	..	..
S Africa 9½% 79-81	89¼	..	..	..
S Rhd 2½% 65-70	49	..	..	..
S Rhd 4½% 87-92	37	..	..	..
S Rhd 6% 78-81	75	..	..	..
Spanish 4%	51	..	..	..
Tang 5½% 78-82	80	..	7.234	13.475
Uruguay 3½%	96½	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. Yield	Red. Yield
L C C 3% 1920	23	..	13.382	..
L C C 5% 80-83	79½	..	6.288	10.873
L C C 5½% 77-81	87¼	..	6.297	10.835
L C C 5½% 82-84	80	..	6.383	10.470
L C C 5¾% 85-87	70	..	8.056	11.329
L C C 6% 76-79	96¼	..	6.233	10.482
G L C 6¾% 88-90	68	..	10.825	12.163
G L C 6¾% 90-92	63¼	..	10.815	12.869
G L C 12½% 1982	100½	..	10.408	12.312
G L C 12½% 1983	100¼	..	12.434	12.287
C of L 6¾% 80-82	84¼	..	12.464	12.404
Ag Mt 7½% 81-84	82	..	7.709	11.756
Ag Mt 7½% 91-93	86	..	9.504	12.211
Ag Mt 6½% 85-90	63¼	..	11.802	13.018
Belfast 6½% 77-80	89½	..	10.535	12.770
Brighton 6½% 76-79	97¼	..	7.263	12.364
Camden 6½% 77-79	96⅛	..	6.650	10.798
Croydon 6½% 78-81	96¼	..	6.398	10.055
Edin 6½% 77-79	98⅜	..	7.826	12.148
Glasgow 9¼% 80-82	91	..	6.381	9.866
Liverpl 13¼% 1981	103	..	10.162	12.095
Met Water B 3% 34-03	27½	..	13.102	12.175
N I 7% 79-80	92½	..	11.014	12.768
N I 7% 82-84	77¼	..	7.028	13.150
N I Elec 6½% 81-83	80½	..	9.391	13.627
Sthend 5½% 77-79	98	..	8.072	12.365
Swark 6½% 83-86	78¼	..	5.353	11.420
Surrey 6% 78-80	93	..	8.931	11.454
		..	6.448	11.340

Investment Dollar Premium 83½% (83½%). Premium Conversion Factor 0.7127.

FOREIGN STOCKS

Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
Bayer	153	+¼	158	3.0	22.6
Commerzbank	£17½	–¼	45.0	2.6	19.0
Cp Fn Paris	£36	+¼	156	4.3	11.7
EBES	£59	..	301	8.0	..
Ericsson	£18¼	–¼	59.1	3.0	29.1
Finsider	17	..	..	..	..
Granges	£8¼	..	..	..	..
Hoechst	540	+20	15.8	2.9	17.4
Montecatini B	24	..	..	..	..
Rubeco fl 5	606	–14	29.9	4.9	34.5
Rolinco Subs fl 5	487	–7	..	..	82.8
Snia Viscosa	90	..	..	..	..
Volkswagen	£89	+1½	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
Brascan	£9⅝	..	60.5	6.2	3.3
BP Canada	£10¼	–¼	..	..	..
Can Pac Ord	£13⁹⁄₁₆	–¼	47.9	3.5	8.9
El Paso	£12¼	–¼	41.7	3.4	22.7
Exxon Corp	£36¼	–¼	..	..	..
Fluor	£27½	–¼	63.7	2.3	11.8
Hollinger	£25	–¼	..	..	..
Hud Bay Oil	£25¼	–¼	30.8	1.2	26.5
Husky Oil	£20⅞	–¼	..	..	..
INCO	£12	+⅛	51.7	4.3	18.5
IU Int	£9¾	..	47.8	5.7	8.7
Kaiser Alum	£25⅞	–¼	87.7	3.4	..
Massey-Ferg	£7⅞	..	58.1	7.6	13.2
Norton Simon	£13⅝	–¼	47.9	3.6	10.7
Pacific Petrol	£26⅞	–¼	..	..	..
Pan Canadian	£20¼	–¼	..	..	..
Steep Rock	214	..	..	..	..
Trans Can P	£10½	..	..	..	..
US Steel	£18⅝	–¼	..	..	..
White Pass	725	..	13.9	2.2	21.0
Zapata Corp	£10⅝	–¼	15.7	1.4	32.7

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
Alexs Discount	250	–2	21.7	8.7	5.7
Allen H & Ross	320	..	30.3	9.5	7.1
Allied Irish	217	..	11.4	5.2	5.2
Arb-Latham	163	..	15.3	9.4	10.3
ANZ Grp	333	+3	10.9	3.4	10.9
Bank America	£15⅛	–¼	57.0	3.0	13.0
Bk of Ireland	420	..	22.7	5.4	5.7
Bk Leumi Israel	15	..	0.4	2.5	11.2
Bk Leumi UK	170	..	11.2	6.6	18.2
Bk of NSW	630	+5	19.3	3.1	13.6
Bk of Scotland	263	..	17.5	6.6	6.7
Bnks Trst NY	£25½	..	161	6.3	9.5
Barclays Bank	332	+4	20.1b	6.1	5.7
Brown Shipley	255	+2	14.1	5.5	8.3
Cater Ryder	272	..	25.6	9.4	..
Chase Man	£24¼	+¼	114	4.7	11.8
Citicorp	£18⅝	–¼	61.6	3.4	11.1
Clive Discount	77	..	7.0	9.1	5.9
Com Bk of Aust	220	..	9.4	4.3	10.4
Com Bk of Syd	165	..	7.6	4.6	16.8
CC De France	£23¾	+1¼	95.0	4.1	16.6
First Nat Fin	5¾	+¼	..	..	..
Fraser Ans	12¼	..	..	..	..
Gerrard & Nat	174	..	12.4	7.1	4.6
Gibbs A.	55	..	3.3	6.1	23.6
Gillett Bros	220	..	23.2	10.5	5.4
Grindlays Hldgs	130	+1	4.2	3.2	4.4
Guinness Peat	250	..	15.5	6.8	9.5
Hambros £10	£17	..	146	8.6	..
Do Ord	188	..	14.6	7.7	8.2
Hill Samuel	93	+2	7.4	8.0	8.0
Hong K & Shang	282	+2	7.8b	2.7	20.1
Jessel Toynbee	58	..	5.0	8.5	..
Joseph L.	390	..	32.0	6.3	9.4
Keyser Ullmann	49	..	1.0	2.1	6.6
King & Shaxson	60	..	5.2	8.7	4.6
Kleinwort Ben	102	+2	6.5	6.4	7.4
Lloyds Bank	252	+1	14.5	5.8	5.0
Mercury Secs	170	..	5.7	5.2	5.8
Midland	342	+4	22.4	6.5	5.1
Minster Assets	61	..	5.3	8.8	5.4
Nat of Aust	232	+4	9.3	4.0	9.3
Nat Com Bk Grp	74	..	4.2	5.6	5.5
Nat W'minster	285	+5	18.2	6.9	5.8
Ottoman	£50½	+1	280	5.5	11.6
Rea Bros	56	..	2.5	4.5	11.2
Royal of Can	£20⅞	..	71.8	3.4	21.2
Schroders	450	..	17.5	3.9	10.0
Seccombe Mar	215	..	20.2	9.4	9.9
Smith St Aubyn	78	..	7.8	9.7	..
Standard Chart	410	–2	29.6	7.2	5.2
Union Discount	315	..	24.0	7.6	5.2
Wintrust	66	..	4.6	6.8	17.2

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
Allied	84½	–1½	6.7	7.9	11.6
Bass Charrgton	166	–1	7.6	4.6	11.1
Belhaven Grp	48	–2	..	..	..
Bell A.	256	+4	7.5	2.9	8.7
Boddingtons	95	..	4.0	4.2	14.8
Brown M.	122	+2	6.1	5.0	14.3
Bulmer HP Hldgs	138	–1	4.9	3.5	8.1
Burtonwood	172	–1	5.2	3.0	10.2
C of Ldn D'rd	66	+1	4.6	7.0	22.8
Devenish	200	..	9.1	4.6	10.6
Distillers	206	+5	11.0	5.3	9.7
Greenall	127	..	4.2	3.3	12.8
Greene King	307	+2	12.1	3.9	14.9
Guinness	164	+1	11.0	6.7	7.7
Hardys & H'sons	185	..	10.9	5.9	12.4
Highland	141	..	4.4	3.1	21.0
Invergordon	143	–6	2.5	1.6	13.3
Irish Distillers	176	–1	6.1	3.4	11.9
Marston	82	+3	2.9	3.5	10.2
Scot & Newcastle	64	–1½	5.2	8.1	6.7
Seagram	£18⅜	+¼	41.9	2.3	18.7
SA Breweries	73	–2	7.0	9.3	4.0
Tomatin	125	–3	4.7	3.8	15.5
Vaux	127	–2	6.1	4.8	13.2
Whitbread 'A'	99	–1	6.0	6.0	6.3
Do B	101	+2	6.0	5.9	2.9
Whitbread Inv	92	..	8.1	6.7	23.3
Wolverhampton	225	..	9.2	4.1	13.1

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A — B

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
122	77	AAH	310	..	9.3	8.5	7.7
42	25	AC Cars	42	..	3.4	3.4	8.8
192	39½	AGB Research	150	+5	5.2	3.4	17.6
237	134	APV Hldgs	233	+1	9.1	3.9	8.6
79¾	45¼	Aaronson Bros	72	+2	5.3	7.4	7.3
138	62	Acrow	134	..	3.8	2.9	11.1
121	52	Do A	101	+1	3.8	3.8	8.3
54	11	Adda Int	50½	..	1.0	2.0	9.3
310	150	Adwest Group	305	..	15.2	5.0	8.4
130	34	Aeron't & Gen	115	..	3.9	3.4	12.0
62	42	Airfix Ind	54	..	4.9	9.0	5.1
12¼	7¼	Akzo	£11¼	+¼	..	..	..
166	147	Alcan Ord	163	+1	15.0b	9.2	5.2
95	69	Do 10½%	£85	..	1050	12.4	..
303	205	Alginate Ind	263	+3	21.2	8.0	7.7
77	44	Allen E. Balfour	53	+1	6.6	12.4	9.7
58	25½	Allen W. G.	52	..	4.3	8.2	4.2
100¼	44¾	Allied Colloids	78	+1	2.6	3.3	14.3
74	43	Allied Insulators	68	–1	6.5	9.5	5.2
17	7½	Allied Plant	16½	+1	1.1	6.5	7.2
79	39	Alpine Hldgs	73	+½	4.2	5.7	16.8
352	210	Amal Metal	318	..	24.7	7.8	12.9
171	57¼	Amal Power	157	–1	8.0	5.1	4.2
45½	21	Amber Day	40½	+2½	3.0b	7.9	6.7
28	8	Amber Ind Hldgs	26	..	0.8	3.2	4.4
96	41	Anchor Chem	71	+3	6.3	8.9	4.6
71	29½	Anderson Strath	63½	–½	4.6	8.2	7.3
95	49½	Anglia TV 'A'	92	..	6.7	7.2	6.4
440	290	Anglo Amer Ind	530	..	43.1	8.1	5.7
42	22	Ang Swiss Hldgs	36	..	..	..	..
105	49	Applevard	93	+1	9.5	10.2	7.5
51½	18½	Aquascutum 'A'	50½	..	2.3	4.6	10.6
137	66¾	Arlington Mtr	116	+3	11.7	10.1	4.6
77½	38	Armitage Shanks	68	..	6.5	9.6	11.9
73	39	Armst Equip	61	+1	3.4	5.6	7.3
94	55¼	Ass Biscuit	82	+2	4.8	5.8	5.3
260	85	Ass Book	237	+2	6.8	2.9	7.9
78	48	Ass Brit Food	73	..	3.5	4.8	7.5
130	68½	Ass Comm 'A'	118	+3	10.0	8.5	7.0
142	82	Ass Engineer.	110	+1	7.9	7.2	5.7
71	36	Ass Fisheries	47	–2	..	..	..
71½	29½	Ass Leisure	71½	+1	4.6	6.4	7.8
196	121	Ass News	185	+5	8.7	4.7	8.2
68	39	Ass Paper	59	..	4.6	7.7	6.3
44	23	Ass Tooling	40	..	3.9	9.7	13.4
69	23	Astbury & Mdley	69	..	3.0a	4.4	6.1
54	27	Atkins Bros	55	..	5.6	10.1	6.2
43	27	Audiotronic	23	..	0.3	1.1	..
43	22	Ault & Wiborg	40½	+½	3.1	7.6	8.2
107	56	Aurora Hldgs	95	..	8.2	8.7	4.4
102	30	Austin E.	102	..	5.8	5.7	4.6
99½	30	Automotive Pd	75	..	2.2	2.9	7.8
57½	14½	Avana Grp	57½	..	1.7	2.9	10.4
187	113	Avery's	168	–2	8.2	4.9	10.9
226	74	Avon Rubber	207	+6	14.1	6.8	3.8
347	235	B A T. Ind	305	..	22.6	7.4	5.5
304	203	Do Dfd	265	+2	..	..	..
68	39	BBA Grp	58	+1	3.8	6.5	5.9
124	71	BET Dfd	116	+2	8.6	7.4	7.8
144	87	BICC	142	+7	11.1	7.8	12.2
28	20	BL Ltd	30	–3	..	..	..
82	61	BOC Int	71	+½	5.3	7.5	5.1
278	131	BPB Ind	242	+2	11.6	4.8	5.4
58	28	BPM Hldgs 'A'	56	..	4.3a	7.8	6.9
45	17½	BSG Int	42	+¼	3.2	7.7	4.0
151	86	BSR Ltd	98	–1	7.5	7.8	6.5
339	148½	BTR Ltd	336	+3	16.7	5.0	11.5
152	70	Babcock & W	152	+1	8.8	5.8	7.5
36	31	Baggeridge Brk	34	..	3.5	10.4	10.5
9¼	3	Bailey C H. Ord	5½	+¼	0.3	5.4	48.2
194	93	Baird W.	192	+6	14.9	7.8	6.3
123	63	Baker Perkins	118	..	6.5	5.5	4.0
85	28¼	Bambergers	79	+2	4.9	6.2	12.6
145	34	Bambers Stores	145	+1	2.3	1.6	11.1
70	28¼	Barro Cons	65	+3	3.4	5.2	8.0
16	3½	Barker & Dbson	13¼	+¼	..	..	36.8
264	144	Barlow Rand	217	+3	16.4	7.6	4.6
161	39	Barr & Wallace	151	+1	5.6	3.7	5.1
160	37	Do A	150	+2	5.6	3.8	5.0
128	56¼	Barratt Devs	110	–1	12.4	11.3	2.9
54	28	Barrow Hepbn	39	+1	2.3b	5.8	6.7
72	39½	Barton & Sons	68	+2	4.6	6.8	7.0
155	69	Bassett G.	127	..	8.7	6.8	6.4
99	28	Bath & P'land	66	+2	5.2	7.8	3.8
33	24	Beales J.	31	..	4.4	5.0	3.5
202	66	Beatson Clark	200	+4	8.7	4.4	5.3
54	29½	Beauford Grp	53	..	5.1	9.5	8.8
84	48	Beckman A.	78	..	7.6	9.7	9.1
743	372	Beecham Grp	723	+10	28.2	3.9	14.9
83	39½	Bejam Grp	68	..	2.3	3.9	7.4
85	54	Bemrose Corp	79	+1	6.2	7.8	10.5
69½	20	Benn Bros	56	+1	4.9	8.7	11.5
211	121	Berec Grp	151	+1	6.5	4.3	6.9
167	74½	Beriaf'd S & W	152	+3	6.5	4.3	3.8
63	31	Berisfords	62	..	3.8	6.1	5.2
87	36	Bett & May	64	–1	4.7	7.3	7.5
175	122	Bestobell	162	+2	14.4b	8.9	7.3
69	28	Bett Bros	62	..	2.7a	4.4	9.7
263	102	Bibby J.	247	+7	10.7	4.3	4.7
56	28½	Bifurcated Eng	54	..	4.4	8.1	5.4
124	50	Birm'gham Mint	124	+4	7.4	5.9	8.1
123	68	Black & Edg'tn	100	..	7.1	7.1	12.3
72	35¾	Blackwd Hodge	67	..	3.4b	5.1	7.3
30	15	Blackwood Mt	26	..	..	..	14.9
275	122	Blagden & N	237	+5	18.2	7.7	10.1
302	153	Blue Circle Ind	277	+2	14.7	5.3	7.1
87	39	Blundell Perm	84	..	4.8	5.7	8.2
20½	7½	Boardman K. O.	19	+½	1.7	8.7	6.4
75	33	Bodycote	74	..	3.4	4.6	7.2
44	17	Bonser Eng	44	..	2.2	5.0	12.6
300	128	Booker McCon	288	+4	12.0	4.2	8.4
213	84	B'sey & Hwkes	175	–1	7.7	4.4	7.1
161	87	Boot H.	142	..	13.9	9.8	7.9
242	115	Boots	213	+4	9.1b	4.3	18.1
97	45	Borthwick T.	64	..	9.4	14.7	8.8
19½	11¼	Boulton W.	19½	..	1.7	8.8	7.9
218	160	Bowater Corp	201	+3	14.9	7.4	9.2
66	34	Bowthrpe Hldgs	63	..	2.5a	3.9	7.5
90	31½	Braby Leslie	81	..	6.7	8.3	4.1
75	34	Brady Ind	58	..	5.3	9.1	..
75	48	Do A	56	..	5.3	9.5	10.6
41	21½	Braham Millar	40	+1	2.2	5.6	5.6
45	17	Braid Grp	39½	+½	2.2	5.4	5.9
179	67½	Braithwaite	167	..	6.8	4.1	6.0
118½	28¾	Brammer H.	112	–1½	4.6	4.1	11.1
59	38	Bremner	55	..	7.0	12.7	13.9
218	70¾	Brent Chem Int	200	..	4.8	2.4	14.8
68	28	Brent Walker	58	..	1.9	3.3	24.1
54	22	Brickhouse Dud	52	..	3.6	6.9	7.9
172	90	Bridon	114	..	9.3	8.2	11.3
41½	27½	Bright J. Grp	31½	..	3.7	11.7	10.8
49½	29	Brit Car Auctn	48½	+½	3.9b	7.6	12.2
246	137	Brit Home Strs	213	+3	9.5	4.5	17.2
56	34	Brit Printing	53	+½	5.2	9.8	5.0
104	45½	Brit Sim Spec	103	–1	7.1	6.9	9.8
180	69½	Brit Sugar	186	+9	7.2b	4.6	3.7
70¾	30½	Brit Syphon Ind	61	..	5.0	8.2	4.4
65½	30½	Brit Tar Prod	56	..	3.1	5.6	13.1
317	36½	Brit Vita	317	+6	3.0	2.6	5.1
30	13½	Brittains	23	..	2.3	9.9	6.0
74	44	Brockhouse Ltd	65	+1	5.6	8.6	6.3
86	41	Brocks Grp	64	..	5.7	8.9	16.3
765	365	Broken Hill	705	+5	19.5	2.8	31.0
89	35	Brook St Bur	78	–2	6.4	8.2	15.8
56	36	Brooke Bond	49	..	4.3	8.8	4.0
50	37	Brooke Tool	45	..	3.8b	8.3	9.5
158	49	Brotherhood P.	120	..	9.8	8.1	9.0
238	23	Brown & J'kson	234	..	1.5	0.6	20.8
138	74	Brown & Tawse	138	..	7.3	5.3	8.0
62	22	BBK	58½	+1½	3.3	5.7	7.4
30	12	Brown Bros Cp	30	+1	2.5	8.2	5.3
495	98	Brown J.	466	+14	13.4	2.9	4.6
124	85	Bruntons	108	+2	10.6b	9.8	9.6
68	17	Bryant Hldgs	50	+1	3.6	7.1	10.5
178	61½	Bullough Ltd	163	..	9.3	5.7	6.7
70	28	Bulmer & Lumb	59	..	4.7	8.0	4.8
150	87	Bunzl Pulp	88	..	7.9	8.1	4.4
81½	35	Burco Dean	75	+5	6.2	8.3	7.5
52	22	Burgess Prod	45	..	3.5	7.8	7.0
211	64	Burnett H'shire	211	..	4.3	2.1	5.5
211	63	Do A NV	210	..	4.3	2.1	5.5
61	36	Burns And'son	56	..	2.5	4.4	5.0
37½	9	Burrell & Co	31½	..	1.4	22.2	18.2
186	130	Burt Boulton	182	..	15.2	8.3	6.8
192	51	Burton Grp	170	+8	2.3	1.3	..
184	39	Do A	163	+8	2.3	1.4	..
88	60	Butterfld-Harvy	79	+3	3.6	4.5	5.9

C — E

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
35	14¼	CH Industrials	32	..	3.0	9.5	4.5
61½	39½	Cadbury Sch	57½	..	4.6	8.0	7.4
112	56¾	Caffyns	107	+1	9.6	8.9	8.0
62	18	C'bread Robey	62	..	2.8	4.5	16.4
136	30	Campari	115	..	3.0	2.6	5.0
134	64	Do B	114	..	..	..	..
62	45½	Camrex Hldgs	55	+2	6.0	10.9	4.9
74	36	Canning W.	74	..	6.0	8.1	6.7
136	97	Cape Ind	132	+4	13.0	9.8	3.5
117	37	Caplan Profile	115	..	7.3	6.3	7.4
97	33½	Capper Neill	89	+6	3.2	3.6	4.5
85	33	Caravans Int	73	..	7.3	10.0	2.8
77	36	Carclo Eng	77	..	4.5	5.9	5.9
51	29	Carless Capel	33	..	3.4	4.4	8.9
277	59	Carlton Ind	224	..	8.3	3.7	8.8
78	38	Carpets Int	67	+3	2.5	3.8	17.1
50	16½	Carr J. (Don)	47	..	3.4	7.0	7.3
43½	22½	Carr'ton Viy	38	+½	3.2	8.7	4.8
110	43¾	Carroll P. J.	105	..	9.7	9.3	8.0
38½	13½	Casket S Hldgs	35	+1	1.6	4.7	6.9
25	7	Causton Sir J.	24½	+1½	..	..	6.1
165	86	Cawoods	140	..	5.8	4.1	9.3
36½	12	Celestion	32½	..	1.1	3.5	7.0
110	32¾	Cement Rdstone	96	+2	5.0	5.2	9.3
37	12½	Cen & Sheer	34	+½	1.8	5.2	9.9
63	35¾	Central Man	61	..	4.6	7.5	4.1
300	68¾	Centreway Ltd	260	+2	18.4	7.1	8.1
64	34	Ch'mbn & Hill	62	..	4.1	6.7	4.4
56½	37½	Chamberl'n Grp	50	..	4.2	8.4	5.5
25	10	Change Wares	15½	..	4.6	29.5	16.8
21¼	15	Do Cnv Cum	20	..	1.8	9.1	..
135	91	Chloride Grp	124	–1	7.8	6.3	11.8
126	57	Christies Int	126	+4	5.0	3.9	11.0
55	27	Christy Bros	54	+1	4.2	7.8	5.2
142	97	Chubb & Sons	140	+3	7.9	5.6	8.5
196	57	Church & Co	183	..	5.6	3.0	7.3
79	45	Coalite & Chem	74	+2	4.2	5.7	5.3
79	50	Coates Bros	78	..	3.5	4.5	7.8
78	48	Do A	76	..	3.5	4.6	7.4
84	57	Coats Patons	71½	–1	4.9	6.9	4.8
135	45	Cole R. H.	120	+2	5.6	4.7	6.1
101	33	Collett D'son	87	+1	5.0	5.7	6.1
186	99	Collins W.	148	..	7.0	4.8	9.2
186	99	Do A	147	..	7.0	4.8	9.1
38	14	Comben Grp	31	..	3.6b	11.7	9.1
135	80	Comb Eng Strs	135	+1	5.5	4.1	15.3
154	30	Comet Radiov'n	152	+5	3.9	2.6	13.6
114	64	CompAir	97	+1	5.7	5.9	7.7
71	28	Compton Webb	71	+1	2.8a	4.0	12.7
41	16	Cook W.	37	..	3.2	8.6	3.6
72	37	Cope Allman	71	..	5.2	7.4	7.2
18	9	Copson F.	15	+1	1.3	7.8	8.5
43	16½	Corah	41	..	3.0	7.2	5.6
144	34¾	Coral Leisure	120	+5	9.1a	7.6	7.0
81	22	Cosalt	66	+1	3.8	5.3	6.6
258	89¾	Costain R.	234	+6	3.9	1.6	8.3

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
48	8	Countryside	43	+2	3.5	8.2	15.0
123	73	Courts (Furn)	121	+1	8.4	4.4	7.6
124	73	Do A NV	124	+4	8.4	4.3	7.8
135	90	Courtaulds	125	+1	11.4	9.1	11.2
72	30	Courtney Pope	66	..	3.6	5.3	9.7
78	30¼	C'wan de Groot	66	+2	3.4	5.2	5.0
48	23	Cowie T.	43	+½	2.7	6.2	3.0
44	14	Crellon Hldgs	34½	..	1.8	12.6	..
20½	15	Do 13% Conv	15	..	1.2	8.0	..
90	28	Crest Nicholson	83	+1	5.5	6.7	9.8
72	43	Croda Int	60½	+½	3.7	6.1	7.3
43	25	Cropper Grp	40	..	3.7	9.3	13.4
84	23	Cropper J.	81	..	2.3	2.8	4.0
169	94	Crosby Hse	138	–2	..	..	..
106	45	Crossley Bldg	104	..	6.3	6.0	14.6
117	48	Crouch D.	117	+1	6.2	5.2	10.0
79½	25	Crouch Grp	68	+2	4.5	6.5	12.3
84	33½	Crown House	63	..	5.8	9.1	10.1
45	28	Crowther J.	36	..	1.0	2.7	..
147	83	Cum'ns En Cv	193	+½	375	4.0	..
190	63½	Dale Electric	187	+3	4.2a	2.2	17.8
26¼	14	Dana Corp	£21¾	..	69.0	3.2	..
140	70½	Davies & New	130	+4	11.1	8.5	19.9
101½	29	Davis G.	97½	+½	5.0	5.1	3.6
149	75	Davy Corp	148	+4	8.4	5.7	8.6
700	350	De Beers Ind	630	+10	46.4	7.4	11.6
48	21	Deanson Hldgs	40	..	3.2	7.9	8.9
118	64¾	Debenhams	96	+4	8.1	8.5	9.1
500	128¾	De La Rue	470	+10	15.2	3.2	8.7
560	233	Decca	475	+20	18.0	3.8	10.3
555	233	Do A	440	+20	18.0	4.1	17.9
81½	48	Delta Metal	75	+1	7.6	10.1	9.4
103	64	Denbyware	102	..	8.2	8.0	10.9
178	92	De Vere Hotels	169	+5	7.1	4.2	24.5
77	20¼	Dewhirst I. J.	70	..	2.3	3.2	7.6
25	31	Dewhurst Dent	30½	..	..	..	6.3
143	89	DRG	135	+1	11.0	8.3	10.5
210	57	Diploma Inv	193	+6	5.8	3.0	10.5
97	28	Dixon D.	86	..	5.6	6.5	3.6
174	63	Dixons Photo	126	..	3.7	2.9	6.4
65	20	Dixor	63	..	0.9b	1.4	61.2
122	40¾	Dobson Park	115	+3	6.1	5.3	9.3
85	41	Dom Hldgs	85	..	7.0	8.3	12.3
80	47¾	Dorada Hldgs	75	+2	7.6	10.1	6.9
105	47¾	Douglas R. M.	95	..	5.2	5.5	4.6
30	27	Dow'd & Mills	29	..	1.8	6.3	8.6
163	52½	Downing G. H.	137	+2	8.8	6.4	4.1
303	93	Dowty Grp	280	+5	6.8	2.4	14.7
37½	13½	Drake & Scull	37½	+1	1.5	4.1	5.7
38	14	Dreamland Elec	34	..	2.0	5.9	6.3
38½	27½	Dufay	30	..	2.2	7.2	11.2
123	72	Dunlop Hldgs	76	..	8.0	10.6	5.6
22	5½	Duple Int	20	+½	1.0b	5.0	7.8
87½	57½	Duport	69	–1½	6.8	9.9	4.7
160	41	Durapipe Int	155	..	6.2	4.0	9.4
54	26	Dutton For	49½	+1	4.6	9.4	3.6
40	21	Dykes J. Hldgs	39½	..	..	..	..
253	129	E.M.I.	146	+3	14.6	9.6	5.5
126	20¼	ERF Hldgs	119	+2	4.2	3.5	2.6
69	35	E'Lancs Paper	69	+1	5.2	7.6	7.3
109	22	Eastern Prod.	96	+1	6.6	6.7	2.7
169	56	Eastwood J. B.	138	..	5.9	3.7	8.1
264	105	Edbro	264	..	9.6	3.6	8.1
50	19	Eleco Hldgs	46½	..	2.9	6.2	12.7
63	32	Elis	62½	..	4.7	7.5	10.2
315	44½	Electrocomps	307	+7	3.8	1.2	14.1
26½	15	Electronic Mach	20	..	..	..	..
145	48	Electr'nic Rent	136	+1	7.8	5.8	9.3
168	53½	Elliott B.	153	–1	8.1	5.3	5.3
111	66	Ellis & Everard	111	+12	7.6	6.8	21.4
30¼	14¼	Ellis & Gold	29½	..	2.9	10.1	12.1
103	37	Elson & Robbins	88	+1	5.0	5.6	6.9
21¼	10	Elswick Hopper	17½	..	1.5	8.6	5.3
202	82½	Empire Stores	171	+1	7.3	4.3	13.5
20¾	4½	Energy Serv	16¼	+¼	0.5	2.7	16.0
38	22	England J. E.	27	–1	2.2	8.0	5.8
34	25	English & O'seas	27½	..	1.1	3.9	10.1
108	50	English Card Cl	96	..	4.5	4.7	5.1
169	69¼	Eng China Clay	90	..	6.0	7.5	8.9
104	51	Erith & Co	97	..	8.3	8.5	12.1
220	123	Esperanza	129	+4	8.6	6.6	10.3
78	42	Eucalyptus Pulp	60	–3	6.4b	10.7	2.6
142	54	Euro Ferries	132	+4	4.4	3.3	6.3
200	140	Eurotherm Int	191	+7	5.3	2.8	19.3
187	52	Eva Industries	102	+2	7.3	7.1	4.8
38¼	32¼	Ewer G.	33½	..	2.1b	6.3	11.3
19½	7½	Excalibur	16½	..	0.8	4.9	5.5
138	65	Exch Telegraph	126	..	8.2	6.5	11.1
87	55	Expand Metal	76	..	5.8	7.6	8.7

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1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
115	52	FMC	66	..	6.1	9.2	5.3
26	7	FPA Cons	17	+½	..	..	8.8
76	29¼	Fairbairn L'son	68	+1½	7.7	11.3	6.0
78	37½	Fairclough Cons	69	..	5.3	7.7	8.1
130	28	Fairview Est	129	+2	8.9	6.9	7.8
150	100	Farmer S.W.	146	..	7.7	5.2	8.2
415	81	Farnell Elect	415	+15	10.0	2.4	17.4
49	13	Fed Lnd & Build	42	..	3.6	8.5	11.2
36	28	Feedex Ltd	32	..	2.1	6.5	6.5
172	111	Fenner J. H.	160	+2	10.5	6.6	11.0
128	45	Ferguson Ind	120	..	9.1	7.6	7.9
67½	19½	Fine Art Dev	67½	+1	2.8	4.1	14.1
130	50	Finlay J.	105	+2	7.6b	7.3	5.0
51½	19	First Castle	42	–1	3.4	8.0	11.7
400	283	Fisons	348	+1	20.2	5.8	7.0
73	46	Fitch Lovell	66	..	6.2	9.4	10.5
69	28	Fodens	64	..	5.1	7.9	2.3
103	56	Fogarty E.	103	..	3.9	2.6	7.5
29½	15½	Folkes Hefo NV	29½	..	2.1	7.0	4.7
35	16	Ford M.	34½	..	3.2	9.4	12.2
259	130	Ford Mtr BDR	152	–3	8.3	5.4	16.1
165	49¾	Forminster	163	..	6.3	3.9	8.4
212	120	Foseco Min	162	+1	7.3	4.5	11.0
166	39	Foster Bros	166	+3	4.3	2.6	15.8
48	28	Foster J.	45	..	3.8	8.4	6.5
118	69	Fothergill & H	108	..	9.4	8.7	8.8
48	29	Francis G. R.	45	..	6.0	13.3	8.6
81	28	Francis Ind	73	..	5.1	7.0	4.2
400	127	Freemans Ldn	380	..	9.0	2.4	13.9
76	40	French T.	66	+1	4.2	6.4	5.0
41	14	French Kier	38	+2	2.7	7.0	6.7
112	53	Friedland Doggt	104	..	5.0	4.8	7.5
99	46	GEI Int	92	+3	6.3	6.8	6.0
88	32½	Gallifd Brindley	65	..	15.8	24.3	7.0
18	7½	Garford Lilley	16	..	1.2	7.6	5.6
106	87	Garnar Scotblair	104	+1	7.2	6.9	5.0
339	163	GEC	334	+6	6.1	1.8	11.9
104½	92½	Do F Rate	£99¾	..	1108	11.1	..
27	12	Gen Eng (Rad)	15	..	..	..	21.1
330	165	Gen Mtr BDR	220	..	10.1g	4.6	21.3
204	124	Gestetner 'A'	173	+3	6.3	3.6	6.1
91	33½	Gibbons Dudley	70	+4	4.0	5.6	3.6
105	35	Gieves Grp	94	+1	6.8	7.2	6.3
166	80¾	Gill & Duffus	157	..	6.6	4.2	9.6
72	23	Giltspur Ltd	67	+2	4.4	6.6	7.1
86	36	Glass & Metal	83	..	4.2	5.1	5.9
27	13	Glass Glover	21	+1	1.9	9.0	5.8
667	400	Glaxo Hldgs	640	+5	16.2	2.5	12.8
54	19	Gleeson M. J.	40	+1	2.9	7.2	6.1
68	34	Glossop & W.J.	60	..	5.7	9.5	6.3
174	76	Glynwed	109½	–1	12.4	11.3	8.6
80	39	Goldbg & Sons	79	..	6.2	7.9	13.4
87	41	Gomme Hldgs	71	+4	8.1	5.2	9.4
95	60	Gordon & Gotch	80	..	4.5	5.6	6.7
28	21	Gordon L. Grp	25	..	..	..	21.0
72	47	Grampian Hldgs	66	..	6.1	8.9	17.4
124	42½	Granada 'A'	121	+4	3.1	2.6	13.2
120½	63½	Grand Met Ltd	112½	+2	6.7	5.9	9.3
158	77	Grattan W'hse	131	–1	8.4	6.4	10.2
348	163	Gt Univ Stores	330	+4	12.5	3.6	13.0
345	175	Do A	326	+4	12.5	3.8	12.9
58	27¾	Greenfield Mill	52	+2	2.7	5.3	6.8
72	28	Gripperrods	64	..	4.7	7.3	5.2
368	248	GKN	273	+2	23.7	8.7	8.0
137	49	HTV Grp	127	+3	14.0	11.0	9.1
128	71	Haden Carrier	122	..	12.2	10.0	16.1
147	55	Haggas J.	139	–2	3.1a	0.6	8.9
122	62½	Hall Eng	114	+1	7.2	6.3	6.3
257	58¼	Hall M.	241	+4	10.7	4.5	10.1
46	6½	Halma Ltd	44	+1	1.1	2.5	7.9
104	68	Hanimex Corp	70	..	4.4	6.2	3.9
161	100	Hanson Trust	138	+3	10.0	7.2	8.8
51	26	Hardy Furn	37	+1	0.3	0.8	..
43	23	Do A	36	+½	0.3	0.8	..
62	38	Hargreaves Grp	57	..	4.9	8.5	9.0
59	24½	Harris Sheldon	53	..	4.8	9.0	8.9
125	45	Harrison T.C.	112	+2	6.2	5.5	7.1
575	278¾	Harrison Cros	535	..	33.0	6.3	10.5
118	52	Hartwells Grp	111	+3	10.2	9.1	3.4
268	113	Hawker Sidd	260	+6	6.2	2.4	10.9
77	43	Hawkins & T'son	73	..	6.1	8.3	4.8
83	24	Hawthorn L.	74	..	..	..	..
159	57	Hays Wharf	152	+1	7.7	5.1	15.7
60	37¾	Headlam Sims	60	+3	2.6	4.3	6.7
24¼	6½	Helene of Ldn	23½	..	1.0	4.3	5.5
41	20	Helical Bar	32	..	..	..	19.0
90	32½	Hend'son Kent	86	..	3.7	4.3	8.7
137½	84½	Henly's	128	+1	13.0b	10.2	5.2
109	38½	Hepworth Cer	95	–1	5.2	6.3	6.8
82	29¾	Hepworth J.	72	+3	3.6	5.0	11.5
12	6½	Herman Smith	11	..	..	..	..
131¼	72	Hestair	91	+4	20.4b	11.5	3.5
66	34½	Hewden-Stuart	64	+2	1.6	2.5	8.1
25	11	Hewitt J.	25	..	1.6	6.2	5.7
112	63	Hickng P'cost	100	..	10.9	10.9	4.8
233	96¾	Hickson Welch	216	+2	5.4	2.5	5.8
97	36	Higgs & Hill	77	–7	5.2	6.8	4.3
89	22¾	Hill & Smith	76	..	5.3	7.0	4.7
150	76	Hill C. Bristol	96	+3	11.0	11.2	31.0
300	71	Hillards	212	+3	7.5	3.5	6.2
98	66	Hoffnung S.	79	..	6.5	8.2	9.7
72	35	Hollas Grp	64	..	6.9	10.8	6.2
74	34	Hollis Bros	71	..	6.8	9.6	8.7
178	70	Holt Lloyd	170	+10	10.6	6.2	12.3
227	80	Home Charm	227	+3	5.9	2.6	15.8
410	195	Hoover	292	+2	22.5	7.7	11.2
412	195	Do A	292	+2	22.5	7.7	11.2
110	55	Hopkinsons	119	+3	7.7	6.4	6.8
116	37	Horizon Mid	115	+½	8.6	7.4	11.7
176	71	Hse of Fraser	161	+1	7.5	4.7	17.8
88	28	Hoveringham	88	..	2.9	3.2	10.9
85	21½	Do RV	85	..	2.9	3.7	10.6
32	11¼	Howard & Wynd	31	..	0.5	1.8	17.6
29	10½	Do A	26	–1	0.5	1.9	14.6
32	23	Howard Mach	31	+3	1.8	5.7	21.7
38¼	17	Howard Tenens	33½	..	2.6	7.8	..
88	44	Howden Grp	87	..	7.1	8.2	8.5
16¾	9¼	Hudsons Bay	£13¼	–¼	31.2	2.4	13.0
30	16	Hunt Moscrop	26	+½	1.2	4.6	9.5
375	76	Hunting Assoc	375	..	4.5	1.2	13.3
183	62	Huntleigh Grp	178	–5	4.0	2.2	10.8
118	47	Hutch Whamp	93½	..	..	..	..

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1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
480	180	ICL	480	+20	11.6	2.4	8.8
138	75	IDC Grp	136	..	13.9	10.2	25.6
68	48	IMI	61½	+½	5.3	8.6	7.5
198	74	Ibstock Johns'n	182	+2	9.7	5.3	9.8
445	333½	Imp Chem Ind	401	–5	26.5	6.6	8.6
140	75	Imp Cold Store	130	+5	8.3	6.9	4.6
98	63	Imperial Grp	82	+2	6.6	10.6	6.2
33	17	Ingall Ind	33	+1	2.8	8.6	10.7
40	28	Ingram H.	31	..	..	..	20.4
95	51¾	Initial Services	95	+1	7.6	7.9	7.4
60	41½	Int Paint	58	..	3.5	4.2	6.6
306	300	ITO Commcn	302	+2	7.1	2.5	9.4
250	240	Do Conv Pref	241	+1	15.9	6.6	..
145	70	Int Timber	130	+1	10.7	8.3	8.1
82	47	Inveresk Grp	68	+1	7.4	10.9	7.9
114	8¼	Itoh BDR	£9	–¼	3.6	1.0	..
67¼	24½	JB Hldgs	61	+1	3.6	5.9	6.0
30	12	Jacks W.	25	..	1.5	6.0	..
75	37	Jacksons B'End	68	+2	3.0	4.5	9.4
15¾	8½	James M. Ind	13¼	..	1.5	11.5	9.8
258	149	Jardine M'son	253	–3	6.5	2.6	..
197	96	Jarvis J.	164	..	14.5	8.8	9.7
46	16	Jessups Hldgs	42	+½	2.6	6.2	6.3
75	43¾	Johnson & F B	70	+1	7.2	10.3	7.6
113	27	Johnson Grp	105	+3	6.3	6.0	7.7
492	307	Johnson Matt	466	+8	20.6	4.4	9.0
134	36	Johnson-Richd	96	..	2.7b	2.8	6.8
96	42¾	Jones Stroud	94	..	7.1	7.4	4.8
45	21	Jourdan T.	41	..	4.4	10.7	4.6
81	27	K Shoes	74	..	3.8	5.1	6.7
35	19½	Kalamazoo	34	+½	3.1	9.1	7.8
135	36	Kelsey Ind	102	..	4.9	4.8	4.7
84	49¼	Kenning Mtr	79½	+1½	6.9	9.8	5.7
44	21	Kent M. P.	40	+4	3.2	8.0	10.8
152	52¾	Kode Int	144	+2	7.1	4.9	7.8
58½	13¾	Kwik-Fit Hldgs	52½	+1½	1.3	2.4	14.1
137½	68¾	Kwik Save Disc	87	+1	3.9	4.5	13.2
101	61	LCP Hldgs	94	..	8.3b	8.9	6.7
46	29¼	LRC Int	35	..	4.4	12.7	8.9
136	80	LWT Hldgs 'A'	136	+2	10.5	7.6	8.3
216	88	Ladbroke	186	+5	21.8a	6.4	5.4
64	25¾	Ladies Pride	59	..	4.4	7.4	7.4
225	70	Laing J.	211	+4	4.7	2.2	8.8
221	69	Do A	211	+4	4.7	2.2	8.8
98	40	Laird Grp Ltd	97½	+2	4.5b	4.6	7.1
65	43	Lake & Elliot	51	+2	5.3	10.4	11.5
48	31	Lambert H'wth	47	..	5.0	10.5	6.0
75	28	Lane P. Grp	47	..	5.0	10.7	3.3
131	89¾	Laporte Ind	116	+1	10.7	9.3	11.9
130	63	Latham J.	125	..	11.4	9.1	10.1
136	46	Laurence Scott	106	+1	7.8	7.2	5.2
110	53	Lawrence W.	107	..	9.9	9.3	8.0
68	34	Lawtex	68	+2	4.8	7.1	4.3
177	128	Lead Industries	159	+2	11.6	7.3	6.5
63	36	Le-Bas E.	41	..	2.9	7.1	..
25	15¾	Lee A.	23½	+½	2.3	9.6	5.1
150	22	Lee Cooper	148	+11	3.8	2.5	5.5
172	60¾	Leigh Int	163	..	6.8b	4.3	16.8
118	45¾	Leisure C'cam	116	+2	5.1	4.4	15.1
45	27	Lennons Grp	33	..	2.5	7.7	6.5
283	113	Lep Grp	248	..	5.2a	2.1	7.1
97	57	Lesney Ord	93	+1	4.4	4.7	6.6
167	70	Letraset	150	+3	8.2	5.4	9.0
91½	42	Lex Services	86½	+2	6.8a	7.9	6.0
196	31¼	Liberty Ord	185	..	4.4	2.2	10.8
88	33	Lilley F. J. C.	77	..	3.8	4.9	7.1
61	30	Lincroft Klig	53	..	5.8	10.9	2.9
151	58	Lindustries	145½	+1	13.6	9.4	6.2
197½	100	Linfood Hldgs	131	..	14.2	10.9	5.3
39	19	Linread	37	..	3.4	9.1	..
81	22	Lister & Co	87	+3	1.3	2.7	7.8
79	64	Lloyd F. H.	71	+1	8.1	11.3	6.5
21½	9	Locker T.	20	..	1.3	6.6	7.7
19¼	8¼	Do A	17	..	1.3	7.8	6.5
120	58	Lockwoods Fds	120	..	5.6	4.7	6.5
110	49	Ldn & M'land	102	+2	10.2	10.0	7.6
43½	23	Ldn & N'thern	33½	+½	3.0	9.0	9.0
85	39	Ldn Brick Co	70	+1	4.9	7.0	5.5
217	94	Ldn Prov Post	198	..	14.7	7.4	7.4
78	31	Longton Trans	72	..	5.8	8.1	4.6
87	56	Lonrho	61	+1	10.0	16.4	3.8
92	39	Lonsdale Univ	90	+1	7.7	8.6	6.3
74	25	Lookers	66	+1	3.9	5.9	3.5
120	44	Lovell Hldgs	105	+2	5.9	5.6	5.0
200	120	Low & Bonar	194	..	17.3	8.9	6.2
337	204	Lucas Ind	312	+1	12.8	4.1	7.8
153	67	Lyons J. Ord	153	+2	11.5b	7.5	..

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1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
146	16½	MFI Furn	138	+2	3.3	2.4	5.9
240	87	MK Electric	236	+6	8.9	3.8	7.3
245	48	ML Hldgs	208	+5	6.5	3.1	14.1
77	37	MY Dart	66	+3	3.6	5.5	5.1
315	138	McCorquodale	288	..	23.6	7.9	8.4
49	15	McInerney Prop	34	–1	3.0	8.8	9.4
19	10	McCleery L'Amie	16	..	0.3	2.0	..
49	28	Mackay H.	47	..	4.9	10.5	22.2
102	68¾	McKechnie Bros	97	..	7.9	8.1	5.5
52½	17½	Mackinnon (Scot)	47	..	2.5	5.3	6.1
68	31	McNeill Grp	44	+1	..	..	..
81	37	Macpherson D.	79½	+½	4.5	5.9	7.7
153½	75½	Magnet & Sthns	150	..	9.0	6.0	8.8
56¼	29	Mallinson Denny	59½	..	4.2	8.1	6.7
98	50	Man Agcy Music	86	..	3.6	9.9	8.8
38	15	Manch Garages	32½	..	1.3	4.6	4.3
285	177	Man Ship Canal	265	+2	23.8	8.3	15.5
100	14	Mang Bronze	75	..	2.9	3.8	3.3
53	27	Manordale Grp	35	..	6.2	17.8	3.3
25	8¾	Maple Hldgs	24½	..	..	..	..
168	136	Marchwiel	144	+2	7.6	5.3	..
99	47½	Marks & Spencer	85	+2	3.2	3.8	16.4
86	46	Marley Ltd	77	..	3.8	4.9	6.8
37	8¾	Marling Ind	36½	+½	1.6	4.3	8.3
56½	31	Marshall Cav	53	..	4.8	12.5	8.8
53	27	Marshall T Lox	48	..	3.9	8.2	2.9
52	26	Do A	47	..	3.9	8.3	2.8
180	95	Marshalls Univ	142	+2	9.7	6.8	4.7
97	45	Martin-Black	59	..	6.1	10.3	..
260	96½	Martin-News	238	..	11.0	4.6	8.7
225	91	Martonair	222	..	8.3	3.8	12.8
85	48	May & Hassell	80	+1	4.6	5.8	27.3
150	60	Maynards	144	..	8.3	5.7	10.4
31	13	Mears Bros	15	..	..	..	..
30	10½	Medminster	30	..	2.9	9.8	17.1
110	50	Melody Mills	110	..	4.9	4.5	8.1
37	9	Mentmore Mfg	15½	..	1.4	9.0	13.4
200	38	Menzies J.	180	..	4.0	2.1	10.2
382	246	Metal Box	358	+2	22.7	6.3	5.7
109	65	Metal Closures	103	..	6.7	6.5	8.6
55	12¼	Metalrax	52	..	1.7	3.3	10.0
77	28	Mettoy	74	+1	3.2	4.4	5.3
48	44	Meyer M. L.	91	..	7.1	7.8	7.5
46	19½	Midland Ind	45	..	1.6	3.5	6.6
60	27¼	Milbury	50	–2	3.6	7.3	4.1
205	25	Mills & Allen	170	+3	11.4	6.7	4.6
102	28	Mining Supplies	96	..	1.9	1.9	13.3
69	36½	Mit Cotts Grp	46	..	5.2	11.2	6.1
69	24½	Mitchell Somers	63½	+½	2.4	3.8	4.8
76	43	Mixconcrete	70	..	5.1	7.2	11.3
41	22¾	Modern Eng	41	..	4.2	10.3	8.9
185	97	Molins	140	..	11.1	8.0	10.4
100	23¾	Monk A.	100	..	5.3	5.3	3.5
50½	33	M'santo 5% Ln	£47	..	500	10.6	..
54½	40	Do 6¼ Ln	£54½	..	625	11.5	..
220	98	Do 5% Cnv	£123	..	500	4.1	..
72	35	Montfort Knit	69	..	5.5	7.9	8.6
90½	21	Moss O'Ferrall	80	..	4.6	5.7	9.5
138	86	Morgan Cruc	123	..	8.9	7.3	8.7
66	24	Morgan Edwds	64	+1	..	..	..
54	21	Morrell Abel	46	..	3.7	8.0	4.9
97	36	Morris & Blakey	97	+9	6.2	6.4	11.5
88	33	Do A	88	+2	6.2	7.1	10.4
147	36¾	Moss Bros	140	+2	4.9	3.5	22.8
73	46	Moss Eng	78	..	6.3	9.0	7.5
210	101	Mothercare	170	+6	4.5	2.6	16.7
18½	8	Movitex	15	..	0.5	3.4	16.9
144	48	Mowlem J.	134	..	8.9	7.4	7.1
220	127¼	Muirhead	211	+5	7.6	3.6	16.2
73	38	Myson Grp	63	..	1.9	3.0	66.3
120	43¾	NSS News	120	+2	3.1	2.6	10.9
65	27	Nathan B. & I.	65	..	5.0	7.7	2.2
67	38	Nat Carbon	38	..	..	..	..
42	32	Needlers	39	..	2.3e	5.8	6.5
49	30½	Neepsend	45	..	4.9	10.9	5.8
94	37	Negretti & Zam	86	+2	5.5	6.4	12.5
109	69	Neill J.	90	..	9.7	10.7	4.3
187	45	Newarthill	171	..	7.2	4.3	5.3
97	38½	Newman Ind	97	+2½	7.8	8.0	3.8
72	33	Newman Tonks	63	..	6.1	9.7	8.1
280	88	Newmark L.	280	..	10.2	3.6	8.6
109	51	Norcros	107	..	6.7	6.3	7.3
44	31	Norfolk C Grp	36	..	0.9b	2.5	15.0
49	26	Normand Elec	45	..	4.3	9.5	6.3
142½	54	NEI	141	+4	9.9	7.0	7.3
116	45¾	Nthn Foods	104	..	5.7b	5.5	12.4
218	44	Norton & Wright	218	+3	6.4	2.9	13.3
30	6	Norton W E.	20	+1	3.2	4.0	8.0
107	32	Norwest Holst	94	..	7.0	7.4	4.2
143	60	Notts Mfg	143	+3	5.1	3.5	8.4
122	45½	Nurdin & Peacck	86	..	2.9	3.4	9.2
32½	17½	Nu-Swift Ind	30½	..	2.5	8.1	14.5

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107	68	Ocean Wilsons	98	+2	4.4	5.0	7.9
131	55	Office & Elect	127	..	8.4	5.1	8.4
116	50	Ofrex Grp	116	+1	4.8b	4.2	10.4
29¼	21¼	Ogilvy & M	£17¾	+¼	31.7	2.9	12.3
120	43	Owen Owen	130	+2	4.5	3.7	11.2
74	7	Oxley Printing	66	..	3.9	6.0	2.8
130	86½	Parker Knoll 'A'	117	–1	5.5	4.7	6.4
115	60	Parker Timber	102	+1	9.2	9.0	5.4
53	14	Paterson R.	45	..	3.9	7.7	6.9
230	126¾	Paterson Zoch	180	..	11.7b	6.5	3.4
225	117¾	Do A NV	175	..	11.7b	6.7	3.3
135	62½	Pauls & Whites	121	+2	6.5	5.4	7.1
267	103	Pearson Long	228	+2	9.1	4.0	9.4
346	128	Pearson & Son	232	+4	11.5	5.0	9.8
37½	24½	Do 4% Ln	£34	..	400	11.8	..
206	148	Pegler-Hatt	172	..	11.8	6.8	6.6
25½	6	Pentland Ind	23½	..	1.1	4.5	5.3
111	42	Pentos	102	+2	7.2	7.0	6.2
103	63	Perkin El 4%	£103	..	..	..	..
141	38½	Perry H. Mtrs	117	+5	4.6	3.9	4.1
87	59	Petrocon Grp	65	..	6.9	10.6	8.5
64	51	Philips Fin 5%	£55	–½	575	10.5	..
11	7¼	Philips Lamps	£9½	+¼	42.1	4.5	..
31	7	Phillips Pats	18	..	..	..	14.5
195	64	Phoenix Timber	146	..	6.5	4.5	..
150	67	P'dilly Theatre	120	–5	2.7	2.3	23.7
16	21	Pickles W.	15	..	1.0	6.9	10.3
112	54	Pifco Hldgs	100	..	4.6	4.6	7.6
109	52	Do A	96	..	4.6	4.7	6.7
325	138½	Pilkington Bros	315	+8	8.8	2.8	8.2
50½	39¾	Pittard Grp	50	..	4.4	8.8	4.7
98	40½	Plaxtons	93	..	5.4	5.8	7.9
79	31	Pleasurama	76	..	3.1	4.0	7.4
125	62	Plessey	124	+1	8.3	6.7	10.1
18¼	7½	Do ADR	£16½	+¼	..	..	..
106	42	Plysu	86	..	2.1	2.4	13.5
259	153	Portals Hldgs	232	..	12.3	5.3	8.3
127	51	Porter Chad	110	+3	8.0	7.3	13.4
87	39	Portsmth News	87	..	4.8	5.5	10.7
222	119	Powell Duffryn	205	+4	15.2	7.4	9.1
74	50	Pratt F. Eng	72	..	7.6	10.6	6.1
89	32	Presdy A.	85	+1	4.3	5.1	5.3
32	12¼	Press W.	30	+1	1.3	4.2	8.1
185	107	Prestige Grp	180	..	8.5	4.7	10.4
46	27	Prestwich Pkr	41	..	4.5	11.1	10.9
205	135	Pretoria P Cem	170	..	16.5	9.7	3.4
97	45	Priest B.	90	..	8.1	9.0	4.8
43	16¾	Pritchard Serv	39	..	2.3	5.8	6.4
115	37	Pye Hldgs	86	+3	5.4	6.3	5.5
48	23	Pyke W. J.	45	..	3.0	2.2	70.3
65	23	Pyramid Grp	43	..	3.7	8.6	8.1
22¼	14	Quaker Oats	£18¼	+¼	80.9	3.3	11.0
46	6½	Queens Moat	42	..	0.5	1.2	45.7
84	31	R.F.D. Group	79½	+2½	2.4	3.0	4.6
360	217	Racal Elect	340	..	5.8	1.7	18.4
18	12	Ratne Eng	13	..	1.3b	10.2	5.7
293	140	Rank Org Ord	270	+6	12.1	4.5	8.5
81	38½	RHM	53½	+½	5.2	9.3	8.8
67	50	RHP	60	..	5.8b	9.7	7.9
183	95	Ransomes Sims	183	..	13.1	7.2	5.7
80	30½	Ratcliffe F. S.	79	..	7.6	10.1	6.6
70	15½	Ratners	71	+3	3.6	5.0	9.9
101	31½	Raybeck Ltd	95	..	5.1	5.4	11.1
45	29¼	Readicut Int	42½	+½	2.4	5.6	8.9
155	72	RMC	141	+1	9.2	6.5	5.1
530	330	Reckitt & Colmn	515	..	17.0	3.3	9.5
90	59	Record Ridgway	80	–2	7.5b	9.4	6.8
338	76	Redfearn Nat.	302	..	24.0	7.9	4.0
106	64	Rediffusion	106	+7	7.3	6.8	14.2
172	85	Redland	167	..	8.4	3.8	8.8
62	16	Redman Heenan	61	..	3.1	5.0	4.2

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109	32	Reed A.	103	..	4.3	4.2	8.8
106	32	Do A NV	103	..	4.3	4.2	8.8
77	35	Reed Exec	73	+1	4.2	5.7	10.1
236	102	Reed Int	163	+3	12.1b	7.4	7.7
25½	14½	Reliance Grp	£21⅞	–¼	30.7	3.7	6.4
51	29	Reliance Knit	51	+3	5.4	10.5	4.3
88	44	Rennies Cons	54	..	9.7	17.9	2.6
164	112	Renold Ltd	134	–1	14.5	10.8	7.9
75	35	Rentokil Grp	72	–1	2.7	3.8	14.2
49	17	Renwick Grp	46	..	1.5	3.3	4.1
72	45½	Revertex	70	+1	5.2	7.4	8.4
71	37	Rexmore	70½	..	6.4	9.1	8.9
314	68	Ricardo Eng	303	+8	10.6a	3.5	10.6
95	37	Richards & Wall	95	..	7.1	6.4	5.5
23¼	14¼	Rich'n-Merrell	£16⅞	–¼	38.0	2.9	13.6
65	35	Richardsons W.	60	..	6.9	11.5	8.1
160	71½	Rockware Grp	138	..	8.0	5.8	4.8
120	55	Rolls-R Motors	119	+4½	7.9	6.7	11.5
62½	25	Ropner Hldgs	40	..	3.2	8.1	3.4
49	24½	Do A	40	..	3.2	8.1	3.4
23	4½	Rosgill Hldgs	23½	+½	..	..	6.4
86	30	Rotaflex	41	..	2.5	6.1	5.7
52	22	Rotaprint	38	+1	4.4	11.7	3.2
65½	32	Rothmans Int 'B'	63½	..	3.1	4.9	2.8
90½	40	Rotork Ltd	58	+2	3.9	3.2	5.8
190	65	Routledge & K	185	..	6.1	3.3	10.4
33	10	Rowlinson Con	28	..	0.9	3.2	7.4
449	229	Rowntree Mac	395	..	19.7b	5.0	9.6
170	66	Rowton Hotels	152	..	9.9	6.5	15.2
172	84	Royal Worcs	171	+1	10.0	5.9	36.4
41	14	Royco Grp	40	..	3.0	7.6	11.2
46	38	Ruberoid	44	..	3.4	7.6	10.8
90	46	Rugby Cement	79	..	5.9	7.5	9.7
188	88	SGB Grp	178	..	8.3	4.7	10.4
19	7¼	SKF 'B'	£10⅞	..	47.9	4.6	5.2
132¼	38	Saatchi	125	..	5.5	4.4	12.6
40	26½	Sabah Timber	38	..	2.5	6.5	4.6
255	130	Sainsbury J.	230	+2	9.2	4.0	9.4
28½	18	St Gobain	£28	..	173	6.2	53.0
335	112¾	Sale Tilney	306	..	16.3	5.3	8.4
209	55	Samuel H.	200	..	7.6	3.8	12.1
198½	56½	Do A	187	+4	7.6	4.1	11.3
70	41	Sanderson Kay	70	..	6.8	9.5	8.5
41	20	Sanderson Mur	38	..	4.7b	12.4	4.2
56	27	Sanger J. E.	41	+2	..	..	8.0
110	74	Sangers	84	..	8.8	10.5	7.4
97	30	Savoy Hotel 'A'	90	..	2.5	2.9	12.8
116	69	Scapa Grp	107½	+½	8.3	7.7	6.3
297	193	Scholes G. H.	280	–3	28.1	10.0	9.7
92	41	Scotcros	75	..	4.9	6.5	7.5
73	34	S.E.E.T.	67	..	2.8	4.1	3.6
47	32¾	Scot Heritable	43	..	2.4	3.2	5.1
74	25	Scottish TV 'A'	68	+1	3.6	5.3	4.6
133	55	Scot Univ Inv	134	+1	11.0	8.9	8.0
44½	16¾	Sears Hldgs	43½	+1½	2.0	4.5	15.5
138	47¾	Securicor Grp	126	..	3.6	2.9	8.4
135	43	Do NV	126	..	3.6	3.0	8.4
135	86	Security Serv	130	..	5.3	4.1	7.8
135	53¾	Do A	130	..	5.3	4.1	7.8
41	21½	Sekers Int	35	..	2.3	6.5	8.8
29¼	10¼	Selincourt	27¼	+1¼	1.9	6.7	3.4
30	18	Senior Eng	28½	..	1.8	6.7	8.4
120	44	Serck	89	+3	9.9b	11.1	7.4
39½	25	Shakespeare J.	27½	..	2.9	10.6	8.5
66	13	Shaw Carpets	65	..	3.6	5.9	19.7
101	55	Sheepbridge	73	+1	6.5	8.9	9.3
14½	3½	Sherman S.	12½	..	..	..	..
105	62	Sidlaw Ind	91	+1	9.1	10.0	10.5
218	113	Siebe Gorman	214	..	8.6	4.0	8.2
87	30	Siemssen Hunter	64	..	4.2	6.6	8.0
175	152	Signode 7% Cn	£166	..	700	4.2	..
102	28	Silentnight	102	+3	4.1	4.0	5.4
296	129	Simon Eng	278	+2	12.3	4.4	7.4
120	36	Simpson S.	116	..	5.8	5.0	9.4
115	36	Do A	110	..	5.8	5.3	8.9
78	31	Sirdar	74	..	4.4	6.0	5.6
104	54	600 Group	104	+3	8.5	8.5	8.8
138	61	Sketchley	133	+1	8.2	6.2	10.5
41	10	Smallshaw R.	31	..	..	..	3.4
55	21½	Smart J.	43	..	3.0a	7.0	7.7
107	48	Smith D. S.	84	..	4.0	4.8	7.3
80	36½	Smith & Neph	77½	+½	3.9	5.0	9.4
191	97¾	Smith W. H. 'A'	165	+1	3.1	1.9	18.5
220	120	Smiths Ind	211	+5	11.4	5.4	9.7
210	84¾	Smurfit	197	..	13.3	6.7	10.2
27	15	Sobrania	27	+1	2.7	9.9	27.6
28	15	Do NV	26	+2	2.7	10.3	26.5
83	42	Solicitors Law	59	+1	5.9	10.0	16.0
310	156	Sotheby P. B.	310	+16	12.9b	4.2	18.0
172	111	Spear & Jackson	146	..	14.2	9.7	14.6
245	100	Spear J. W.	218	..	2.8	1.3	6.8
19	7	Spencer Gears	19	..	0.8	4.3	10.3
39½	25½	Spillers	34½	..	2.1a	5.9	8.4
184	70	Spirax-Sarco	164	..	6.7	4.1	12.5
158	66	Staffs Potts	147	+1	6.0	4.1	6.3
134	40¾	Stag Furniture	131	+1	7.7	5.9	9.3
40	13	Stakis (Reo)	39½	+2	1.2	2.1	16.9
158	42¾	Stanley A. G.	157	+1	6.4b	4.1	11.7
306	163	Staveley Ind	296	..	15.2	5.1	6.2
250	102½	Steel Bros	228	..	9.9	4.3	7.7
254	138	Steetley Co	191	+1	10.2	5.4	4.7
19	9	Steinberg	17	..	1.5	8.8	9.7
60	35	Stew't & Ll 6%	50	..	..	..	..
85	33	Stocklake Hldgs	56	..	3.9	6.9	3.0
182	83	Stockl. & Son	160	..	6.6	4.1	4.5
114	60¾	Stonehill	114	+2	9.1	8.0	13.2
146	93	Stone Platt	111	+2	6.1	8.5	5.4
255	98	Stothert & Pitt	238	+3	14.9	6.2	10.7
43½	28	Streeters	35	+1	2.6	20.3	..
87	34	Strong & Fisher	63	..	7.0	11.1	3.7
36	11	Sunbeam W'sey	32	–1	4.3	13.4	4.2
72	38	Sutcliffe S'man	63	–1	8.5	13.5	8.4
177	63½	Swire Pacific 'A'	145	–4	..	..	..
154	44	Syltone	153	..	3.4	5.5	5.8
21	9	Symonds Eng	20	..	2.0	10.2	11.0

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31	9	Taco	26	..	1.2	7.7	4.5
17½	6¼	Takeda Bdr	£17¼	+¼	16.8	1.0	47.6
23½	3	Talbex Grp	17½	..	0.8e	4.7	16.7
330	134	Tarmac Ltd	345	..	15.6	10.8	8.9
280	165	Tate & Lyle	182	+2	20.4	11.2	4.4
129	76	Tavener R'tlge	72	..	..	..	10.4
94	43	Taylor Pallis	88	..	6.8	7.3	6.0
504	244	Taylor Woodrow	437	+5	11.6	2.6	20.4
159	56	Telemit	147	+1	8.4b	5.7	7.7
43	18	Telefusion	39	+1	2.0	5.1	14.9
42	17	Do A	38	+1	2.0	5.2	14.6
156	44	Telephone Rent	148	+2	8.8	6.0	12.8
56	33	Tesco	54½	..	2.5	4.5	10.3
34	31	Textured Jersey	34	..	1.5	4.5	9.5
139	31	Thermal Synd	100	..	6.8	6.8	13.8
450	198¾	Thorn Electric	380	+4	17.4	4.6	9.5
20	6½	Thurgar Bardex	17½	..	1.2	6.6	6.2
690	405	Tiger Oats	575	..	32.4	5.6	4.5
318	184	Tilbury Cont	296	..	30.4	10.3	5.8
147	64½	Tilling T.	130	+2	6.8	5.3	7.1
215	42	Time Products	201	+3	2.5	1.3	7.5
20	8	Thagbur Jute	9	..	..	..	..
26	10	Tomkins F. H.	23	..	1.5	6.4	6.9
54	31	Tootal	48	+1	4.3	8.9	6.7
70	34	Toye	69	+1	3.9	2.8	4.7
61	32½	Tozer Kemsley	57	+1	4.7	8.2	5.0
166	95	Trafalgar H Ltd	123	+2	8.6b	7.0	7.6
82	48	Trans Paper	73	+1	7.5	10.4	9.9
85	48	Transport Dev	76	–1	5.0	6.6	12.2
194	77	Travis & Arnold	163	+1	5.9	3.6	8.0
90	25	Tricoville	87	+3	3.1	3.5	8.0
61	31½	Trident TV 'A'	57½	+½	4.4	7.7	7.2
95	25¾	Triefus & Co	94	..	2.8	3.0	10.0
105	50	Triplex Found	101	+1	7.0	7.0	4.5
250	214	Trust Hse Forte	247	+4	13.4	5.4	10.1
436	311½	Tube Invest.	394	..	33.7	8.6	4.9
312	137	Tunnel Hldgs 'B'	304	..	16.8	5.5	8.3
13½	7	Turner Curzon	13	+½	1.1	9.0	7.2
233	132	Turner Newall	187	+2	17.4	9.3	6.2
142	53	Turner Mfg	142	..	6.1	4.3	5.4
94	27	Turriff	87	..	3.6	4.2	5.1
79	34	UBM Grp	70½	+½	6.5	9.2	14.2
209	54	UDS Grp	103	+3	8.0	7.8	11.1
192	138	UKO Int	163	+2	13.3	8.2	8.8
109	65	Unicorn Ind	102	..	8.6	8.3	7.5
75	42	Unigate	75	..	5.2	6.9	8.5
600	412	Unilever	564	+2	20.6	3.7	9.9
28⁷⁄₁₆	20¼	Do NV	£25⅛	–⅛	122	4.8	8.3
176	55	Unitech	176	+6	6.1a	3.5	15.8
84	69¾	Utd Biscuit	86	..	4.6	5.3	9.6
73	21¾	Utd City Merc	67	..	1.2	1.8	8.2
85	20	Utd Eng	65	..	3.4	5.2	11.1
70	31¾	Utd Gas Ind	65	+1	5.6	8.3	7.4
403	198	Utd News	380	..	22.1	5.8	7.6
382	91¼	Utd Scientific	344	+4	8.1	2.6	14.4
58	29	Valor	56	+1	3.2	5.8	5.3
138	78	Vantona	131	+3	8.1	6.2	6.0
230	95	Vereeniging Ref	215	..	19.7	9.1	5.8
196	84	Vibroplant	185	+5	16.1	8.3	11.4
242	144	Vickers	190	–5	14.9	7.8	6.9
57	28	Vita-Tex	57	+1	5.3	9.3	7.5
228	71	Vosper	203	..	7.6b	3.7	7.5
79	37	W Ribbons	85	..	5.0	7.7	6.1
138	70	WGI	136	..	8.8	6.5	8.7
282	111	Waddington J.	214	+2	37.1	8.0	12.2
33	14	Wade Potteries	29	..	1.7	5.8	7.8
160	70	Wadkin	142	+2	9.5	6.7	5.4
158	83	Wagon Ind	152	–2	11.6	7.7	8.2
152	76½	Walker C & W	125	+1	10.0	8.0	6.2
138	36	Walker J. Gold	114	..	3.4	3.2	6.2
116	32	Do NV	100	..	3.6	3.6	5.4
117	66½	Ward & Gold	96	..	6.9	7.2	8.3
82	38½	Ward T. W.	76	..	6.2	8.1	6.4
110	39	Ward White	106	+3	6.1	5.7	5.4
32	13	Wardle B.	28½	–1	2.0	7.0	5.7
128	44½	Waring & Gillow	122	..	5.4	4.5	7.2
69	29¾	Warne Wright	52	+1	4.0	7.7	6.3
65	16½	Warrington T.	62	..	4.7	7.6	23.0
58	27¾	Waterford Glass	57	+1	2.0	3.5	9.1
106	36½	Watmoughs	105	+2	6.1	5.8	8.4
70	36	Watson & Philip	67	..	3.8	5.7	8.0
125	69	Watts Blake	122	..	4.2	3.5	12.4
38½	11	Wearwell	38	..	..	..	10.9
59	25	Webstars Pub	57	..	2.0	3.5	9.3
150	71½	Weir Grp	117	..	8.1	7.0	6.4
29½	11¼	Wellco Hldgs	27½	..	1.7b	6.2	5.2
59½	31	Wellman Eng	55	..	3.6	6.6	8.2
80	22	Westbrick Pds	58	..	2.3	3.9	9.6
80	29	Westinghse Brke	60	..	3.4	5.6	6.4
89½	30	Westland Air	41	+2	4.8	11.8	10.7
9	9	Westminster Inv	9	..	..	..	..
26	15	Wharf Mill	23	..	2.2	9.3	..
54	25	Whatlings	42	..	3.9	9.3	8.1
65	28	Wh'lock Mar	51	..	..	..	..
107	51	Whessoe	73	+1	7.3	9.9	4.0
21	8	Wheway Watson	21	..	1.3	6.4	6.7
123	41	White Child	115	+1	7.0	6.1	8.4
112	64	Whitecroft	108	..	10.0	9.3	7.0
54	18	Whiteley BSW	29	..	..	..	..
240	58	Wholesale Fit	223	+3	8.9	4.0	9.6
276	95	Wigfall H.	203	..	20.5	10.1	10.9
37	11	Wiggins Constr	36	..	2.5	6.9	3.8
128	55	Wight Cons	120	..	11.4	9.5	6.8
214	129	Wilkins'n Match	174	+3	15.2	8.7	7.7
104	59	Do 10% Conv	£93	..	1000	10.8	..
54	28¾	Wms J. Cardiff	52	..	4.2	8.0	6.8
63	26	Wills G. & Sons	56	..	2.4	4.2	5.8
91½	51	Wilmot Breeden	68	..	4.7	6.9	5.0
47	17½	Wilson Bros	44½	..	2.1	4.8	7.2
100	38	Wimpey G.	81	..	1.0	1.3	7.9
54	24	Winn Ind	50	..	4.7	9.5	6.3
56	28½	Winter T.	55	..	4.8	8.7	13.0
230	93	Wolsey Hughes	224	+4	10.6	4.7	10.5
56	12	Wood & Sons	43	..	2.5	5.9	7.4
48	30	Wood S. W.	44	–1	6.5	14.8	..
101	63	Wood Hall Tst	97	+1	8.2	8.4	8.9
127	49½	Woodhead J.	108	..	9.8	9.3	5.8
52	26	W'dh'se Rixson	29½	+½	3.5	11.9	27.6
72½	49	Woolworth	69	+2	6.3	9.3	12.6
396	140	Yarrow & Co	335	+2	7.8	2.3	11.6
75	25¾	York Trailer	49	..	3.5	7.1	4.7
60	31	Youghal C'pts	40	+2	..	..	..
44	11	Young H. Hldgs	39	..	..	..	..
63	21	Zetters	34½	+½	2.0	3.6	7.4

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
285	175	Akroyd & Sm	208	..	25.4	12.2	2.2
410	200	Assam Trdng 'B'	360	..	3.9	1.1	3.3
38½	27	Boustead	50	..	2.3	5.8	11.9
25	6	Brit Arrow	18	+1	..	..	..
163	102	Challenge Corp	137	..	6.6	4.8	9.7
88	42	Charterhse Grp	64	+1	5.1	7.9	13.4
54½	27¼	C Fin de Suez	£51½	+1½	..	..	..
395	215	Daily Mail Tst	385	+15	19.4	5.0	21.6
383	210	Do A	382	+18	19.4	5.1	21.5
308¼	204	Dalgety	302	+4	24.4b	8.1	8.1
46	13	Dawnay Day	42½	..	1.5	3.6	16.6
23	11	Edin Ind Hldgs	11½	..	0.2a	1.3	26.1
227	72	Electra Inv	217½	..	7.6	6.8	21.7
28	15	Exploration	27	..	0.8	3.1	8.7
85	27	FC Finance	69½	+1½	3.0	4.4	14.0
26	2½	Fitzroy Inv	20½	..	..	..	..
30	14	Goode D & M Grp	22	+1	0.2	0.9	..
443	233¾	Inchcape	386	..	22.7	5.9	9.6
129	60	Lloyds & Scot	92	–1	6.2	6.8	12.1
36	6	Ldn & Euro Grp	33	..	..	..	..
146	81	M&G Grp Hldgs	143	..	5.5	3.8	15.1
54	26	Manson Fin	46	..	5.3	11.5	12.1
119	61	Prov Fin Grp	108	..	7.7	7.2	9.6
131	43½	Sime Darby	104	..	3.0	2.9	25.9
69	37	Smith Bros	62	..	7.5	12.1	9.4
860	832	Tyndall O'seas	860	..	46.4	5.4	..
55	14	Utd Dom Tst	46	..	..	..	8.0
58½	21¼	Wagon Fin	41	..	3.1	7.6	8.6
87½	33	Yule Catto	79½	..	..	..	10.2

INSURANCE

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
131	65	Bowring	125	+1	4.7	3.7	..
38	28	Brentnall Beard	32	..	2.0	6.3	9.8
284	212	Britannic	270	+2	13.6	5.2	..
172	102¾	Com Union	144	+2	12.2	8.4	..
190	107	Eagle Star	140	–4	9.8	7.1	..
194	114	Equity & Law	170	+2	10.1	6.0	..
294	181	Gen Accident	208	+4	12.8	6.2	..
294	175	GRE	228	+4	16.2	7.1	..
405	185	Hambro Life	405	+5	31.6	7.8	..
297	136¾	Heath C. E.	272	..	7.3	2.7	10.5
216	125	Hogg Robinson	211	..	9.4	4.5	10.9
197½	126	Howden A.	149	+5	10.6	7.1	8.2
234	105	Legal & Gen	148	+2	9.0	6.1	..
125	90	Leslie & Godwin	125	..	6.8	5.4	14.2
150	91¼	London & Man	132	+4	10.2	7.7	..
195	57	Ldn Utd Inv	195	+4	6.4	3.3	10.9
296	160	Matthews W'son	185	+2	14.5	7.8	8.6
217	100	Minet Hldgs	190	+1	5.1	2.7	11.9
79	43	Moran C.	59	..	5.0a	8.5	6.5
292	182	Pearl	232	+2	19.1	8.2	..
322	188	Phoenix	246	+4	16.6	6.8	..
143	100	Prov Life 'A'	138	..	12.4	9.0	..
143	100	Do A Br	138	..	12.4	9.0	..
135	100	Do B	135	..	12.4	9.2	..
135	100	Do B Br	134	..	12.4	9.2	..
190	116	Prudential	148	+3	10.6	7.2	..
154	84	Refuge	142	+2	10.5	7.4	..
460	220	Royal	363	+8	26.3	7.2	..
478	224	Sedg. Forbes	435	..	16.2	3.7	13.9
113	89	Stenhouse	107	+1	6.4	6.0	8.0
662	385	Sun Alliance	560	+7	32.3	5.9	..
117	65	Sun Life	107	+1	5.2a	4.9	..
183	112	Trade Indem'ty	175	..	13.4	7.7	..
310	195	Willis Faber	255	+2	14.1	5.5	11.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
156	104	Aberdeen Trst	143	..	7.7b	5.3	27.7
250	166	Alliance Trust	228	..	10.8a	4.7	27.8
52½	31½	Amer Trust	44½	+¼	2.1	4.7	32.9
114	78	Ang-Amer Secs	102	..	4.6	4.5	30.8
52	32	Anglo Int Inv	41	..	4.9	11.8	12.3
163	87	Do Ass	161	+4	..	..	..
53	31	Anglo Scot	45	+½	2.6b	5.3	31.2
142½	93½	Ashdown Inv	136½	..	6.3	4.6	32.4
74	35	ABC-Regional	59	..	0.8	1.3	60.2
115	49	Atlantic Assets	104½	+½	0.4	0.6	..
69½	40	Atlas Electric	66	..	2.9	4.4	32.0
65	39¾	Bankers Inv	60	..	3.9	6.5	23.0
76½	40	Berry Trust	76	..	1.3	1.8	83.5
68	41½	Border & Stern	61½	+½	11.7	19.1	38.0
46	30	Brit Am & Gen	42	..	2.6	6.2	24.6
87½	49	Brit Assets Tst	79½	+½	3.6b	4.6	33.5
13	7½	Brit Emp Sec	11¾	..	0.9	8.0	16.8
178	116	Brit Invest	170	+1	7.4	4.3	35.5
171½	102½	Broadstone	157½	+1	8.0	5.1	29.1
118½	63	Brunner	100½	..	5.8	5.7	28.0
128	42	Brycourt Inv	125	..	3.8b	3.0	38.6
75½	43	CLRP Inv	69	..	2.9	4.2	29.1
280	187	Caledonia Inv	265	..	12.9	4.9	25.3
93	66	Caledonian Tst	83½	+½	3.0	3.5	48.8
90	52	Do B	80	..	..	..	..
141½	91	Capital & Natl	130½	..	7.4	5.6	..
135½	84½	Do B	124½	..	..	..	..
124½	73	Cardinal 'Dfd'	111½	..	6.1	5.5	..
133	85½	Carliol Inv	119½	..	5.8	4.9	27.7
74	46	Cedar Inv	67	+½	3.7	5.9	25.4
66	40	Charter Trust	58	..	3.3	5.7	26.1
92	54	Clydesdale Inv	81	..	2.7a	3.3	44.5
88	49	Do B	79	–1	..	..	..
14¼	8½	Common Mkt	£14	+¼	34.0	2.4	..
210½	133½	Cont & Ind	200½	..	8.7	4.3	30.2
204	102	Crescent Japan	192½	+½	..	..	..
84	48	Crossfriars	80½	+½	5.6	7.0	21.7
31½	14½	Cumulus	28½	..	1.2	4.3	35.6
165	80	Delta Inv	158	..	..	..	..
233	132	Derby Tst 'Inc'	214	..	21.6	10.1	18.4
170	86	Do Cap	158	..	..	..	..
145	100	Drayton Com	131	..	6.8	5.2	25.5
165	115	Drayton Cons	151	+1	7.1	4.7	29.5
216	150	Do Premier	201	+1	10.2	5.0	27.9
74	46½	Dundee & Ldn	66	..	3.6	5.5	27.8
142	85	Edin Amer Ass	130	+1	1.7	1.3	84.4
249	154	Edinburgh Inv	237	+1	10.2	4.3	33.5
87	50	Elec & Gen	79½	..	2.4	3.0	42.7
97½	69½	Eng & Int	89½	..	5.8	6.4	21.5
87	54½	Eng & N York	77½	..	4.6b	5.9	28.9
92	38¾	Estate Duties	80	..	2.8	3.4	38.8
111½	63	First Scot Am	98½	+½	4.3	4.4	33.2
191	117	Foreign & Colnl	178	+1	5.7	3.2	47.1
193	98	Gt Japan Inv	188	+3	3.0	1.6	80.3
162½	100	Gen Funds 'Ord'	161	..	7.1	3.9	49.2
150	78	Do Conv	146	..	..	..	..
118	74½	Gen Inv & Tsts	111	..	6.2	5.6	24.1
99	65	Gen Scottish	89	..	5.1	5.7	26.1
111	64	Glendevon	100	..	2.8	2.8	55.6
131½	71	Globe Trust	122	+½	7.6	6.2	21.2
85	49	Grange Trust	81	..	3.3	4.1	35.8
113	75	Great Northern	105	+½	6.2	5.8	26.6
102	61	Greenfriar	99	..	2.2	2.2	55.0
75	27	Gresham Hse	73	..	4.6	6.3	11.4
89	57	Guardian	81½	..	4.1	5.0	28.8
109½	61	Hambros	107	..	5.7	5.3	27.8
204	125	Hill P. Inv	188	..	12.0	6.4	23.8
91	42	Hume Hldgs A	79	..	7.2	9.2	17.2
60¼	39½	Indus & General	59½	..	2.7	4.8	29.5
94	53	Internat Inv	79	..	4.2	5.3	26.2
179½	89½	Invest in Suc	173½	..	4.6	2.6	55.8
93	59½	Inv Cap Trst	84	+½	2.9b	3.5	46.4
182	103½	Jardine Japan	171	..	1.3	0.8	..
200	103	Jersey Ext	182	+2	..	..	..
105	66	Lake View Inv	96	+½	3.6	3.8	36.0
115	68	Law Deb Corp	104	..	7.2b	6.8	22.1
120	84	Ldn & Holyrood	120	+1	5.7	4.7	33.4
209	139	Ldn & Montrose	196	..	8.3	4.3	36.4
127	84	Ldn & Prov Tst	118	+1	5.4	4.6	34.4
140	34	Ldn Merch Sec	140	+1	2.5	1.8	..
140	31	Do Cap	140	+1	..	..	..
37	44	Ldn Pru Invest	53	..	4.3	5.2	29.3
117	62½	Ldn Trust	105	+1	6.3	6.0	21.8
47	26	Mercantile Inv	43½	+¼	1.9	4.5	27.4
83	55	Merchants Trust	77½	+1	4.4b	5.7	25.2
110	60	Moorside Trst	105	..	7.6	7.2	21.7
22½	11½	New Thrng 'Inc'	20	+½	2.3	11.3	12.5
161	94	Do Cap	147	–1	..	..	..
107	75½	North Atlantic	93	..	4.1	4.4	32.3
114½	71	Northern Amer	105	+½	4.3	4.1	37.0
130	84	Northern Sec	129	+1	5.2	4.1	29.8
66	48	Oil & Associated	59	..	3.2	5.4	27.4
136	88	Pentland	126½	–½	6.1	4.9	30.8
76	60	Progressive Sec	65	..	4.2	6.5	21.1
148½	98	Raeburn	127	..	5.8	4.6	30.2
192	108	River & Merc	180	..	13.1	7.3	20.3
162	89½	River Plate	154	..	9.9b	6.4	..
109½	69	Romney Trust	96	..	4.0	4.2	32.8
221½	104½	Rothschild	206	+1	10.4	5.2	27.5
78	44	Safeguard	77	..	5.6	7.1	20.4
102	57½	Scot Amer	92½	..	3.9b	4.3	..
131	49	Scot & Merc 'A'	96	..	4.6	4.8	21.1
160	102	Scot Eastern	143	..	6.8b	4.8	33.3
44½	25	Scot European	43	..	2.1	5.0	35.3
115½	75	Scot Invest	107	+½	4.2	3.9	40.1
128½	91½	Scot Mortgage	117½	..	5.0	4.3	36.3
168	111	Scot National	156	..	5.5	3.5	40.8
119	70	Scot Northern	107½	..	5.1	4.7	32.7
92	57¾	Scot United	81	..	2.6	3.2	50.3
110½	70	Scot Western	100	+½	3.5	3.5	48.1
107	64½	Do B	96	..	..	..	..
217	143	Sec Alliance	193	..	8.6a	4.8	30.3
101	61½	Sec Gt Northern	89½	..	..	..	35.7
96½	58	Do B	84	..	..	..	..
198	132	Sterling Trust	178	..	8.0	4.5	31.9
110	67½	Stockholders	108½	..	3.6b	3.5	46.7
109	62	Thrgmtn Sec 'Cap'	104	+1	..	..	..
83½	42½	Throgmtn Trust	78½	+½	6.6	8.4	17.8
191	125	Trans-Oceanic	180	..	7.6	4.2	31.8
81	55½	Tribune Inv	75	..	2.1	2.8	42.9
77½	46½	Triplevest 'Inc'	63	..	6.7	10.6	14.3
179	94	Do Cap	149	+2	..	..	..
155	92	Trustees Corp	143	+1	7.4	5.0	28.6
126	87½	Tyneside Inv	116	..	5.9	5.0	27.5
144½	97	Utd Brit Secs	131	+1	6.7	5.0	30.1
107	71½	Utd States Deb	95	+½	5.3	5.6	28.4
204	142	Utd States Gen	180	..	9.2	4.9	28.4
104	69½	Viking Res	92	..	1.7	1.8	60.1
220	140	W'bottom Trust	211	..	7.6	3.6	44.5
104	63	Witan Inv	95	+½	3.5	3.7	..
101	61	Do B	91	..	0.1	0.1	..
196	111	Yeoman Tst	190	+1	11.5	6.1	24.1
35	17	Yorks & Lancs	32½	..	2.3b	8.8	24.3
90	50	Young Co Inv	86¼	..	5.3	6.2	25.3

SHIPPING

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
321	215	Brit & Comm	302	+7	14.2	4.7	8.8
190	54	Fisher J.	178	..	2.3	1.3	8.6
355	207	Furness Withy	277	..	23.8	8.6	..
305	100	Hunting Gibson	104	..	2.5	1.1	6.6
41½	24¾	Jacobs J. I.	37½	..	2.8	7.5	15.3
270	205	Manch Liners	230	..	7.7	3.4	21.0
179	104	Ocean Trans	114	+1	12.6	11.0	3.9
172	83	P & O 'Dfd'	93	+1	9.9	10.7	5.2

MINES

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
765	370	Anglo Am Coal	640	+5	38.1	6.0	..
380	195	Anglo Am Corp	374	–27	23.2e	6.2	..
20¾	11¾	Ang Am Gold	£18¾	–¼	184	5.6	..
49	19	Anglo Am Inv	£42¼	–1½	374	6.9	..
9½	6¼	Anglo Transvl	£8	–¼	72.5	9.1	..
9½	6	Do A	£8	–¼	72.5	9.1	..
10½	8¼	Asarco	£10¼	–¼	20.5	1.8	..
415	235	Ayer Hitam	330	..	68.5	20.2	..
60	35	Beralt Tin	48	..	11.7b	24.5	..
417	249	Blyvoors	338	+16	59.7	17.7	..
46	12	Botswana RST	22	..	..	..	..
107	55	Bracken Mines	77	+4	26.3	34.1	..
130	61	BH South	119	+1	..	..	..
11⁹⁄₁₆	5¾	Buffelsfontein	£8¾	..	107	12.2	..
166	108	Charter Cons	153	–2	12.6	8.2	..
220½	136	Cons Gold Fields	183	+5	13.7	7.5	..
483	188	De Beers 'Dfd'	419	–13	32.9	7.8	..
403	245	Doornfontein	306	–10	31.3	10.2	..
442	133	Durban Rood	394	+3	..	..	..
37	9	East Daggs	25	..	15.1	60.6	..
917	425	E Driefontein	771	+46	52.0	6.7	..
477	377	E Rand Prop	324	+11	..	..	..
42	29	El Oro M & Ex	81	..	1.7	2.7	..
184	84	Elsburg Gold	110	+8	6.1	5.6	..
20⁹⁄₁₆	8¼	F S Geduld	£20⅝	–½	175	8.8	..
157	54¾	Gebvor Tin	150	+6	5.6	3.1	..
20¾	12	Gen Mining	£19	+¼	143	7.5	..
152	52	Grootvlei	106	+5	18.8	17.7	..
310	160	Hamersley	185	+5	..	..	..
138	77	Hampton Gold	128	+1	5.3	4.1	..
460	235	Harmony	366	+7	33.1	9.0	..
16	7½	Hartebeest	£13⁹⁄₁₆	+⅜	158	11.6	..
18⅝	10½	Jo'burg Cons	£16½	+½	106	7.1	..
450	200	Kinross	353	+7	32.9	9.3	..
660	280	Kloof	606	+32	25.1	4.1	..
74	20	Leslie	58	+2	12.6	22.4	..
650	175	Libanon	525	+15	62.3	11.9	..
78	42	Lydenburg Plat	69	+4	4.6	6.0	..
242	123	MIM Hldgs	191	+7	5.7	3.0	..
85	33	MTD (Mangula)	33	..	4.1	12.4	..
470	220	Malayan Tin	425	..	..	..	..
121	46	Marievale Con	85	+4	35.0	39.8	..
105	68	Messina Trans	70	..	..	..	..
41	10	Metals Explor	36½	..	..	..	..
235	125	Middle Wits	200	+15	15.6	7.8	..
204	125	Minorco	176	..	6.2	3.5	..
480	247	Ningate Explor	395	+5	13.3	3.4	..
570	345	Peko Wallsend	454	+2	..	..	..
11½	6¾	Pres Brand	£10⅛	+¼	78.6	7.6	..
10½	4¾	Pres Steyn	£9⅝	+¼	25.1	2.6	..
160	80	Rand Mine Prop	105	..	8.2	8.5	..
42½	19	Randfontein	£38⅝	+1⅝	252	7.0	..
238	164	Rio Tinto Zinc	252	+4	14.4	5.7	..
108	60	Rustenburg	99	+5	4.7	4.7	..
90	35	Saint Piran	65	–3	3.1	4.7	..
12¼	6⅞	St Helena	£8¼	+¼	116	14.1	..
515	370	Selection Tst	470	..	28.3	6.0	..
237	118	Sentrust	215	–3	29.9	9.0	..
97	29	SA Land	63	–1	..	..	..
76	48	South Crofty	60	–2	6.3	10.4	..
613	235	Southvaal	577	+7	13.1	2.3	..
340	150	Sthn Malayan	310	..	18.2	5.9	..
240	57	Sungei Besi	200	..	14.8	7.4	..
180	116	Tang Cons	166	+3	10.0	6.4	..
103	42	Tanjong Tin	85	..	9.9	11.2	..
260	207¾	Tharsis Sulph	225	..	20.0	8.9	..
18½	9¾	Transvaal Cons	£13½	+½	60.7b	4.5	..
265	93	Tronoh Mines	220	+5	16.3	7.4	..
278	117	UC Invest	234	–1	20.3	8.7	..
338	165	Union Corp	315	–1	21.2	7.7	..
17⅞	8	Vaal Reefs	£14⅞	+⅛	96.6	6.5	..
288	70	Venterspost	225	+21	15.7	7.0	..
42	27	Waring Colliery	33	–½	6.6	19.9	..
375	115	Welkom	321	+7	33.0	10.0	..
28¼	13¾	W Driefontein	£24⅝	+⅜	241	10.0	..
209	78	W Rand Cons	118	+5	11.0	9.3	..
243	110	Western Areas	177	+15	9.5	5.3	..
9⁹⁄₁₆	5¾	Western Deep	£9¾	+⅛	67.8	7.8	..
24¾	10½	Western Hldgs	£21⅛	+⅛	207	9.9	..
164	54	Western Mining	145	+5	2.8	1.9	..
670	380	Winkelhaak	646	+11	71.1	11.3	..
23½	10	Zambia Copper	14½	..	..	..	..

OIL

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
83	43	Ampol Pet	72	..	..	..	..
120	47	Attock	98	+3	..	..	..
186	128	Brit Borneo	155	+2	10.2	6.3	25.9
960	720	BP	912	+10	35.1	3.8	8.9
88	41	Burmah Oil	77	..	..	..	..
86½	44½	Century Oils	62	..	4.0	6.4	5.3
34½	18½	Charterhall	24	+½	..	..	..
23¾	12¾	C F Petroles	£21	..	111	4.8	5.6
44	24	KCA Int	36	..	..	..	16.8
195	134	Lasmo	152	–4	..	..	..
415	265	Do Ops	375	+10	..	..	..
109½	84½	Do 14% Ln	£90¾	..	1400	14.1	..
323	77	Oil Exploration	224	..	3.2	1.4	21.5
22½	8	Premier Cons	16	+½	..	..	..
12¾	7⁹⁄₁₆	Ranger Oil	£10⁹⁄₁₆	..	..	..	..
50¾	35½	Royal Dutch	£46	–¼	147	3.2	4.6
632	458	Shell Trans	558	–10	28.6	4.6	8.3
202	104	Tricentrol	188	..	2.2	1.2	20.2
276	216¼	Ultramar	237	–7	..	..	8.9
161	84	Do 7% Cnv	159	..	10.6	7.6	..

PROPERTY

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
63½	29¼	Allied Ldn	62	+2	2.8	4.5	14.9
234	127	Allnatt Ldn	228	+1	5.9	2.9	22.8
268	114	Apex Props	268	..	5.9	2.2	48.1
23	11	Aquis Secs	21½	..	1.0	4.7	23.9
95	31¾	Beaumont Prop	86	+1	5.9	6.8	11.3
73	23½	Bellway Hldgs	67	..	4.4	6.5	..
143	59	Berkeley Hmbro	140	+2	4.9	3.5	32.1
193	130	Bilton Percy	177	..	9.4	5.3	19.9
187	116	Do Accum	172	..	0.3	0.2	..
275	218	Bradford Prop	255	..	10.3	4.0	8.9
47½	29	British Land	44	..	..	..	..
116	56¾	Brixton Estate	112	+2	3.1	2.8	26.7
80	70	Cap & Counties	59½	+½	2.6	4.6	27.1
360	211	Chesterfield	349	–3	6.1	1.8	39.8
16½	6½	Chown Secs	15½	..	..	..	..
330	145	Churchbury Est	325	–2	7.8	2.2	39.7
65	37½	City Offices	64	+2	2.7	4.3	24.6
88	12	Control Secs	37	..	1.3	3.4	69.6
182	114	Corn Exchange	176	..	3.2	1.8	30.8
39	17	Country & New T	38	+1	1.0	3.5	..
110	35	County & Dist	110	..	2.3	1.2	20.3
120	33½	Daejan Hldgs	111	..	4.5	4.1	11.4
51½	27	Eng Prop	39	..	3.5	8.9	14.3
23½	11	Estates & Gen	20½	..	1.8b	8.8	17.1
104	33	Evans of Leeds	98	+1	2.0	2.0	31.1
220	133¾	Gt Portland	216	+4	4.8	2.2	38.6
87	52	Guildhall	80	..	3.9a	4.9	18.4
642	310	Hammerson 'A'	625	+5	8.3	1.3	67.4
272	162	Haslemere Ests	252	+6	5.0	2.0	35.3
250	142	Land Secs	233	+2	8.1	3.5	40.8
56	33½	Law Land	45	+1	1.5b	3.4	..
118	49½	Ldn & Prov Sh	112	+1	2.2b	2.1	58.3
79	40	Ldn Shop	78	+2	4.6	5.8	38.2
138	69	Lynton Hldgs	125	+2	3.8	3.0	18.8
150	46	MEPC	144	+1	2.6	1.8	45.0
280	68	McKay Secs	280	..	2.7	0.9	37.6
41	8½	Marler Estates	38	..	..	..	..
43¾	13	Midhurst Whites	41	+1	..	..	..
133	46	Muckiow A & J.	128	..	5.6	5.1	33.3
290	108	Municipal	280	+20	7.7	2.7	45.9
98	28	Peachey Prop	92	..	3.0b	3.7	..
330	180	Prop & Revsr	323	+3	7.8	2.4	29.3
330	170	Do A	320	..	7.8	2.4	38.9
347	216	Prop Hldgs	316	+2	10.0	3.2	40.0
112¾	27¾	Prop Sec	112	+3	2.1	1.9	..
8¾	2	Raglan Prop	4¼	..	..	..	..
87	31	Regional	80	..	1.7	2.1	24.0
78	30	Do A	74	+1	1.7	2.3	23.1
120	29	Rush & Tompkins	116	..	4.4	3.8	13.5
118	59¾	Scot Met Props	107	..	2.8	2.7	43.0
120	77	Slough Ests	116	+1	3.8	3.3	38.4
276	158	Stock Conv	272	+4	3.2	1.2	24.3
290	80	Sunley B.	276	..	6.6	2.4	..
17	5	Town & City	13	..	0.0e	0.2	..
137	41	Trafford Park	131	..	6.2	5.0	18.3
24½	10¼	UK Props	23½	..	0.5	2.4	18.3
17¼	6½	Webb J.	15	..	0.7	4.3	16.1
31	10¾	W'mster & Cty	30½	..	..	..	..

RUBBER

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
100½	34	Anglo-Indonesia	98½	..	4.2	4.2	..
66	18	Bradwall FMS	59	+1	2.6	4.4	..
300	82	Castlefield	287	..	5.0	1.8	..
56	12½	Chersonese	49	+2	2.1	4.3	..
52	18¾	Cons Plant	43	+2	3.0	7.0	..
68	33	Doranakande	64	+1	2.2	3.5	..
12½	5½	Grand Central	11½	..	0.5	4.2	..
388	155	Guthrie Corp	340	..	22.7	6.7	..
120	48	Harrisons Malay	112	..	..	..	..
135	39½	Highlds & Low	111	+4	4.5	4.0	..
216	67	Hongkong	210	..	..	..	..
265	125	Killinghall	252	..	17.5	6.9	..
58½	23	Kulim Malaysia	48½	+½	2.1	4.5	..
197	46	Ldn Sumatra	193	–2	8.2	3.3	..
89½	29½	Maledie	79	–1	2.0	1.4	..
63	19½	Muar River	56	–1	0.7	1.3	..
91	34	Plant Hldgs	87	+3	3.5	4.0	..
98	18¾	Sungei Krian	88	–2	2.3	2.7	..

TEA

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
390	347	Assam Frontier	350	–3	24.6	7.7	..
123	52	Assam Inv	100	..	10.6	10.6	..
303	95	Camellia Inv	302	..	3.0	1.0	..
156	22	Deundi	150	..	30.4	20.3	..
245	120	McLeod Russel	230	–3	20.6a	9.0	..
410	124	Moran	356	..	5.5	1.5	..
129	35	Surmah Valley	129	..	10.0	7.9	..
135	51	Warren Plant	124	+1	11.1	9.0	..

MISCELLANEOUS

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
15¾	7⁹⁄₁₆	Algoma Central	£11½	..	30.0	2.3	18.5
78	40	Calcutta Elec	77	+1	14.0	18.2	..
52½	42	E Surr Wtr 4.9%	£46	..	490	10.7	..
38¾	31½	Essex Wtr 3.5%	32	..	350	10.6	..
68	47	Gt Nthn Tele	£67	..	193	2.9	15.0
450	310	Imp Cont Gas	375	..	14.9	4.0	8.9
38	32	Mid Kent Wtr	13½	..	500	14.9	..
113	46	Milford Docks	113	..	3.1	5.6	..
278	140	Nigerian Elec	206	+3	20.1	9.8	..
39½	31½	Sunderland Wtr	£35½	..	350	10.8	..

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 04.10.78 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	225.12	6.22	11.52	222.15
Largest Coys.	229.46	5.95	10.96	226.15
Smaller Coys.	211.15	7.08	13.35	209.35
Capital Goods	273.04	6.66	14.15	269.60
Consumer Goods	231.16	6.64	11.02	228.96
Store Shares	194.21	6.07	7.95	191.37
Largest financial shares	221.06	6.29	—	218.09
Largest financial and industrial shares	227.86	6.09	—	224.61
Commodity shares	283.97	5.13	13.05	276.92
Gold Mining shares	348.41	9.00	13.48	336.72
Industrial debenture stocks	93.81	8.32*	—	93.73
Industrial preference stocks	56.43	12.35*	—	56.43
3½% War Loan	31¼	31.56*	—	31¼

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:

	High	Low
All-time	232.06 (14.09.78)	60.15 (13.12.74)
1978	232.06 (14.09.78)	184.95 (02.03.78)
1977	222.94 (16.09.77)	151.20 (12.01.77)
1976	171.86 (05.05.76)	115.83 (27.10.76)
1975	156.82 (19.11.75)	61.45 (06.01.75)
1974	136.15 (28.02.74)	60.15 (12.12.74)
1973	179.38 (15.01.73)	120.90 (14.12.73)

* Flat interest yield.

Property



Court Barton, near Storrington, West Sussex, a conversion of two period cottages with herringbone brickwork and exposed beams throughout. Savills are seeking offers around £65,000 for the freehold.

Perils and delights of buying

Houses are one of the relatively few things that in 21 years of objective research Consumers' Association have *never subjected to tests and* subsequent report in *Which?* magazine. The reasons are obvious enough. Houses are very expensive (and despite rumours of mortgage shortage still becoming more so), they *do not lend themselves to* laboratory testing, they are endlessly various, and people's requirements of them scarcely less so.

In one sense the great majority of houses in the country *have already been consumer* tested simply because they are not new, and have had people living in them for a number of years. One would hope that deficiencies of structure and design would have become apparent in the meantime.

In some cases no doubt personal inspection by a reasonably alert layman will be sufficient to reveal evidence of some of the difficulties previous occupants have experienced—and the steps they have taken to overcome them. Much altered houses for which a few *further modifications are helpfully* suggested are probably best avoided, since the chances must be that they will never be perfectly right.

In many more cases some of the difficulties will lie hidden, and may even avoid the scrutiny of a qualified surveyor. There is little chance of redress if, as *happened to a film* director I heard about at his new house in Muswell Hill, a ceiling falls down the day after the purchase is completed.

Most houses come on the market because, for one reason or another, someone is dissatisfied with them. The explanation will in many cases nor detract from the house's attractions for someone else, but it is worth bearing in mind when confronted with estate agent's fulsome prose.

Few people will ever buy anything more expensive than their house, yet house purchase remains an area where the onus is completely on the buyer to satisfy himself about what he is getting for his money. There is no obligation on the vendor to disclose problems such as defective drainage systems, or even terminal dry rot.

Government research recently turned up the unexpected result that people who live in caravans and mobile homes—generally impoverished young families and retired couples, *and reckoned to be the bottom end of the market*—registered higher consumer satisfaction with their homes than a cross-section of house dwellers.

Faced with the impracticability of consumer testing houses as such, the consumer lobby have tended to concentrate their fire on the costs involved in changing homes. They have shown the wisdom of shopping around between estate agents, and have *championed the case for cut-*price conveyancing. Now they await the Royal Commission's report on legal services, which may have something helpful to say about solicitors' monopoly of conveyancing, and live in hopes that the Estate Agents Bill, talked out at the report stage last summer, may be reintroduced with Government support in the new session.

Some of CA's other research has had significance for house hunters. They studied, for example, life in various homes—and called in a designer, an ergonomist, a health and safety adviser, and a work study specialist to tackle the job.

In the few houses they studied (not ones which were at that time offered for sale) they found poorly planned rooms, hazardous staircases, inadequate electric sockets, inconvenient work surfaces and household arrangements which involved a debilitating amount of unnecessary bending and stretching.

These are the sort of things intending house purchasers should be looking for when they call to inspect.

This week's selection, for example, includes a two-bedroomed terrace house in *Kentish Town* where "John Keats, the poet, is reputed to have stayed". The price, £27,000 for a two-bedroomed property on two flors, is "not in the stratosphere" claim the agents, Edmund Cade.

In Cheltenham G. H. Bayley and Sons offer a "sensitively restored" property, which does indeed look most attractive on paper (19 Wellington Square, £49,500 freehold), once "sold by the widow of an officer in the Bengal Army in settlement of a gambling debt to satisfy regimental honour".

Jackson-Stops and Staff's Yeovil office seek to attract attention to a farm called Woodah because it is in a Devono village with the *euphonious name of Doddiscombsleigh*, where the pub is "the delightful sounding Nobody Inn".

Who am I to suppose that such considerations do NOT bear weight where consumer decisions about house purchase are concerned? After all, Strutt and Parker recently sold Bluegate Hall Farm, at Great Bardfield in Essex, for £995,000, having headlined the fact that it is in the Guinness Book of Records as the erstwhile home of Britain's priciest pig.

More challenging, perhaps, is Mann and Co's task of selling Las Encinas, Kingswood, "just off" as they say "the busy A217 London to Brighton Road". It was built in 1936, their description says, "of Californian and Spanish style. There is a central tower with winding staircase and long stained glass window. The Roman tiled roof gives the property a Mediterranean effect". Unfortunately I have no picture.

By and large, of course, estate agents' descriptions are helpful, but there are still large amounts of consumer information they fail to supply.

In general, for example, they are good at listing the means for consuming energy (one set of particulars before me now lists 18 power points in the kitchen, eight in each bedroom, and a big boiler in the basement) yet there is scarcely any mention of means of conserving it. In a week's search I have only found descriptions for two properties which make any mention of heat insulation, in both cases small houses and insulated in the roof space only.

Can this really be because *so few houses in Britain do* have any adequate means of heat insulation, which as *Which?* says this month can cut fuel bills by up to 30 per cent; or is it because house sellers—and buyers—still pay *attention only to the capital* cost of purchase, and do not think about the future running costs to which their purchase will commit them?

Robin Young

London & Suburban property

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S.W.7.

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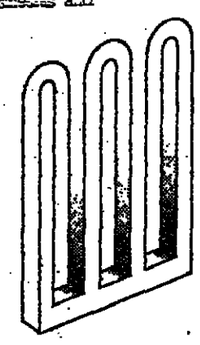
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LEGAL NOTICES

NO. 6 (RULE 28)
No. 002485 of 1978.
HIGH COURT of JUSTICE
Chancery Division Companies Court
Matter of RENMALT Limited
and
Matter of the Companies Act 1948

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for the winding up of the above named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 21st day of September 1978 presented to the said Court by Alabaster Passmore & Sons Limited and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand London WC2A, on the 30th day of October 1978, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company are required on or before the 23rd day of October, 1978, to send in their names and addresses, the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned, David M. Nixon, of 17 Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1P 1EL, the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company; and, if so required by notice in writing by the said Liquidator, are, by their Solicitors personally to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

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D. M. NIXON, A.C.I.S., Liquidator.

COMPANIES ACT 1948 BALA QUARRIES Limited.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Rolls House, 7 Rolls Buildings, Fetter Lane, London, EC4A 1NL, on the 27th day of October 1978, at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in sections 294 and 295 of the said Act, i.e.:—

1. The nomination of a Liquidator.
2. The appointment of a Committee of Inspection.

General and special forms of proxy are enclosed herewith. Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the Registered Office of the Company, situate at Rolls House, 7 Rolls Buildings, Fetter Lane, London, EC4A 1NL not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon on the 26th day of October, 1978.

Dated this 29th day of September, 1978.

By Order of the Board,
S. J. L. ADAMSON, Director.

No. 001736 of 1978
The Companies Act, 1948
In the Matter of VILLAPARTES Limited

Notice is hereby given that a FIRST and FINAL Payment to Preferential creditors is intended to be declared in the above-named Company and that Preferential Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 30th October 1978 after which date the Official receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Preferential Creditors as shall then have proved their claims.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Liquidator, Atlantic house, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD.

RE: OSWYN NEVILLE BATEMAN-BROWN DECEASED
NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE TRUSTEE ACT 1925

Any person having any claim against the Estate of OSWYN NEVILLE BATEMAN-BROWN deceased of The Dower House, Ardington, Wantage in the County of Oxford, who died on the 15th September 1978, is required to send particulars thereof to the undersigned, the Solicitors for the Executors, on or before the 16th December 1978, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims of which notice has been received.

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In the Matter of TWEEDWITCH Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

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Dated this 18th day of September, 1978.

M. C. WITHALL, Liquidator.

No 001699 of 1978
In the matter of COURT LINE LTD., holding company, and by Order of the High Court of Justice, dated 25th August, 1978, I Guy Thomas Ernest Parsons of 1 Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, London, EC4V 3PD, have been appointed liquidator of the above named company.

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to assist their

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Broadcasting Guide

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PERSONAL CHOICE



…vor Howard and Celia Johnson in tonight's Midweek …ema presentation Brief Encounter (BBC 2, 8.30)

A reader in Cambridge tells me how much she objects …obtrusive music in films and television plays. …need for it, she says; let the words say it all. …general, I agree with her. But there are exceptions, …l one of the most notable of them is Brief …counter (BBC 2, 8.30). Even without the Rachmaninov …no Concerto No 2, this story of a non-consummated …e affair between a married man and a married …nan is an exquisite exercise in tenderness. But with … Rachmaninov, which underscores, extends and …iches the dialogue, it becomes the definitive screen …dy of mature and responsible people behaving …timately) maturely and responsibly, and to have made … decision to allow the music to be as much …naracter as Celia Johnson's housewife and Trevor …vard's doctor was a stroke of genius. I hope … lady in Cambridge will agree with me.

… have not seen Francis Gary Powers: the True …ry of the U-2 Spy Incident (ITV, 10.30) and therefore …not recommend it. But it would take botched …ting, inferior acting, shoddy direction and more …hinkable defects to make this story of the American …t captured and jailed by the Russians, anything … a tense and dramatic true-life adventure story. Lee …iors, who can be seen earlier tonight as the …erhuman Six Million Dollar Man, plays Powers, … I notice that old-timer Lew Ayres is also in the cast.

…y their books, you shall know them . . . ? Perhaps … is going a bit too far, but there are psychologists … say that books loved in childhood can have …ing effects. Today sees the start of a new series of …t Impression (Radio 4, 11.50 am) and Terry …gan tells Jean Davies why Dr Doolittle meant so much …laster Wogan. In the weeks to come, Arthur …gill will talk about Huckleberry Finn and actress …elope Keith about the books of Beatrix Potter.

…hree hours of Brecht and Weill tonight (Radio 3, …), with a nod or two in the direction of … Gay, The Threepenny Opera will be heard in a … English version by Ralph Manheim and …n Willett, with Sarah Badel as Polly Peacham …ough co-producer Elaine Padmore will sing Sally's …gs), Paul Bentley as Macheath, Harold Kasket …Mr Peachum and John Hollis as narrator. …s new BBC production marks the 50th anniversary …he original staging of Die Dreigroschenoper …Germany.

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TELEVISION

BBC 1

6.40 am, Open University (until 7.55): 6.40, Reciprocating Engines; 7.05, Igneous Rocks and Metal Ores; 7.30, The Viking Mission.
9.41, For Schools, colleges (until 12.20): 9.41, Merry-Go-Round; 10.03, Everyday Maths; 10.25, Near and Far; 11.00, Scene (play: Jackie McCafferty's Romance); 11.30, Hyn y Fyd; 11.55, Bellamy—on Botany.
12.35 pm, On the Move: for people with reading difficulties.
12.45, News and weather.
1.00, Pebble Mill: including Tony Bilbow's film feature Focus.
1.45, Bagpuss: sock puppets.
2.00, You and Me: for the very young. Lines and circles.
2.14, For Schools, colleges (until 3.00): 2.14, The Plough and the Stars (part 2); 2.45, Treffpunkt: Deutschland; 3.55, Play School: Francis Lindsay's story Mr Bits and Pieces' Silly Day, told by Sam Kydd.
4.20, Yogi Bear (cartoon).
4.25, Jackanory: Judi Dench continues reading A Dog So Small (Phillipa Pearce).
4.40, Rentaghost: The comic spooks make out badly as restaurateurs.
5.05, John Craven's Newsround: junior newsreel.
5.10, Blue Peter: a visit to the Nasa centre at Houston to meet an astronaut and see some Saturn 5 rockets.
5.40, News, with Peter Woods.
5.55, Nationwide: behind the headlines.
7.20, Tomorrow's World: a bumper issue, with items on a remarkable Dublin bus route, that hospital menace the Pharaoh's Ant, flame throwers for farmers and a new kind of loom.
7.20, Top of the Pops: the best (and worst) of the current favourites.
8.00, The Good Life: Margo's wind-break threatens the Goods' fruit trees and puts neighbourliness to the test.
8.30, Mastermind: tonight's subjects are: the history of psychiatry, the life of Julius Caesar, the reign of the Emperor Augustus and classical music 1560-1960.
9.00, News, with Peter Woods.
9.25, International Show Jumping: The Horse of the Year Show from Wembley. Tonight: the Norwich Union Championships.
10.45, Tonight: New Forest ponies—from the round-up to the butcher's block.
11.25, Weather/Regional News.
BBC 1 variations: SCOTLAND: 9.41 am, Let's See (schools). WALES: 2.14 pm, Hwnt ac Yma (schools). 6.55, Heddiw.

BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University (until 7.55). 6.40, James Bond (8). 7.05, Krishna and Christ.
7.30, Just an Accident.
9.30, Labour Party Conference: day 4 at Blackpool. The reporting team is Robin Day, David Dimbleby and Robert McKenzie.
11.00, Play School: same as BBC 1, 3.55.
11.25, Labour Party Conference (until 12.30). Back to Blackpool.
2.00, Labour Party Conference: More of the debates (until 4.55).
4.55, Open University (until 6.10). 4.55, Ideas for the Future. 5.20, Handicapped: the Swedish Fokus. 5.45, The Writer in Exile.
6.50, News, with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.
6.55, When the Boat Comes In: another instalment of the Tyneside family saga with the ring of truth. Jack Ford is tempted to join the Black and Tans.
7.45, News and weather.
7.50, Conference Report: what happened at Blackpool today.
8.20, Terence Judd: the pianist plays Liszt's Sposalizio (The Wedding).
8.30, Film: Brief Encounter (1946). Classic English love story, with classic Russian music (see Personal Choice).*
9.55, Wilf Mannion: Today, he works in a chemical works on Teeside, but to football fans, he will always be remembered as the "golden boy" of soccer.
10.25, The British Connection? Wales's contribution to this series of films exploring the British people's sense of identity. Tonight: how Trawsfynydd has learned to live with its atomic power station.
10.50, News and weather.
11.05, Closedown: Elizabeth Bishop's Sandpiper is read by Michael Kilgarriff.

THAMES

9.30 am, For Schools (until 12.00): 9.30, Stop Look Listen; 9.44, Look Around (oil); 10.04, My World—Real Life; 10.16, Picture Box; 10.33, The English Programme; 11.00, Music Round; 11.22, Seeing and Doing (secrets); 11.39, French Studies.
12.00, Topper's Tales: Julian Orchard has written, and tells, the story of Sardine Sandwiches. For children.
12.10 pm, Rainbow: children's programme about solids.
12.30, Moneywise: helping to solve your pension worries. What happens if you change your job.
1.00, News, with Peter Sissons.
1.20, Thames News: local round-up.
1.30, Crown Court: the verdict in the case of the warden of a home for disturbed young people who is accused of manslaughter.
2.00, After Noon: Mavis Nicholson interviews Tony Bridge, Dean of Guildford.
2.25, International Golf: Fifty-one professionals compete in the Dunlop Masters—and one amateur, Britain's Peter McEvoy.
3.00, Racing from Newmarket: 3.00, the Bloodstock and General Insurance Stakes; 3.35, William Hill Middle Park Stakes.
4.20, Film: Ride 'em Cowboy (1941). Abbott and Costello in a Western burlesque with song. Mainly for children.*
5.45, News.



Anna Carteret appears in Crown Court (ITV, 1.30).

6.00, Thames at Six: behind the local stories.
6.35, Crossroads: the motel story, continued.
7.00, The Six Million Dollar Man: The brave Steve Austin against a malevolent juggernaut that wants to destroy a city.
8.00, George and Margaret: A baby for Ann Fourmile (Sheila Fearn). The Ropers (Brian Murphy and Yootha Joyce) rally around.
8.30, TV EYE: The 5 per cent pay policy row—and how some firms have found a way round the limit.
9.00, The Sweeney: Regan and Carter of the Flying Squad investigate a cigar robbery. It leads to bigger and more sinister things.
10.00, News.
10.30, Francis Gary Powers: Reconstruction of the international repercussions that followed the shooting down over Russia in 1960 of an American spy plane (see Personal Choice).
12.15 am, What the Papers Say: Anthony Howard looks at the week's press coverage of the news.
12.30, Close. A Russian painting, with music by Borodin.

RADIO

Radio 4

6.00 am, News, weather, papers, sport.
6.10, Farming Today.
6.30, Today.
7.00 and 8.00, News. 7.30 and 8.30 News.
8.45, Antigua, Penny, Puce.
9.00, News. 9.05, These You Have Loved.
10.00, News.
10.05, Checkpoint.
10.30, Service.
10.45, Story: The Petrol Pill.
11.00, News.
11.05, Analysis. What Sort of Parliament?
11.50, First Impression: Terry Wogan.
12.00, News.
12.02 pm, You and Yours.
12.27, I'm Sorry I Haven't a clue.†
12.55, Weather.
1.00, The World at One.
1.30, The Archers.
1.45, Woman's Hour.
2.45, Listen with Mother.
3.00, News.
3.05, Play: A Slip of the Disc by John Graham.†
4.00, News.
4.05, Cosmos: A new view of outer space.
4.35, Story: Period Piece (4).
5.00, PM. News.
5.55, Weather.
6.00, Six O'clock News.
6.30, Top of the Form First Round (3) Scotland.
7.00, News.
7.05, The Archers.
7.20, Time for Verse.
7.30, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, part 1: Verdi, Rachmaninov.†
8.20, A Talent to Amuse. J. W. Lambert entertains.
8.35, Bournemouth S O, part 2: Brahms.†
9.20, Kaleidoscope.
9.59, Weather.
10.00, The World Tonight.
10.30, Any Answers?
11.00, Book, Rogue Male (9).
11.15, The Financial World.
11.30, News, Weather.
12.20 am, Inshore Forecast.

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Radio 3

6.55 am, Weather.
7.00, News.
7.05, Concert: Prokofiev, Stravinsky, Rachmaninov.†
8.00, News.
8.05, Concert: Berlioz, Paganini, Liszt.†
9.00, News.
9.05, Composer: Samuel Barber mono.†
10.05, Northern University Concert, part 1: Haydn, Milner.†
10.50, Words . . . Talk.
10.55, Northern University Concert, part 2: Brahms.†
11.35, Austrian Radio Symphony Orchestra, part 1: Segerstam, Shostakovich.†
12.10 pm, Interval Reading.
12.15, Concert, part 2: Nielsen.
1.00, News.
1.05, Bradford Midday Concert: Chopin, Ravel, Fauré, Saint-Saëns.
2.00, Cosi Fan Tutte. Comic opera by Mozart, Act 1.†
3.25, In Short. Talk.
3.35, Cosi Fan Tutte. Act 2.
4.55, Handel's Opus. Recital on original instruments.†
5.45, Homeward Bound.
6.30, News.
6.35, At Home: The Sound of the Flute.
7.30, The Threepenny Opera, by Brecht and Weill.† 8.25 and 9.25, Interval Reading.
10.30, Mozart. Piano Music.†
10.50, How Wagner Wrote and Produced the Ring.†
11.45, News.
11.50-11.55, Schubert Song.†

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5.00 am, News, weather. 5.02, Tony Brandon.† 7.32, Terry Wogan. 8.27, Racing Bulletin. 10.02, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray's Open House, 1.45, Sports, racing, golf.† 2.30, David Hamilton, 2.45, Sports, Dunlop Masters Golf, Horse of the Year Show. 3.35, Newmarket racing; William Hill Middle Park Stakes. 3.45, Sports. 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports. 4.50, John Dunn.† 5.45, Sports. 6.45, Sports, racing results. 7.02, Folkweave.† 8.02, Country Club: Country music from London and Nashville, Tennessee.† 9.55, Sports. 10.02, The Impressionists: Game. 10.30, Star Sound Extra: Musical film magazine. 11.02, The Horse of the Year Show. 11.05, Brian Matthew, Round Midnight, News, weather. 2.00-2.02 am, News.



Terry Wogan Radio 4 (11.50).

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5.00 am, As Radio 2. 7.02, Dave Lee Travis. 9.00, Simon Bates: The Golden Hour and Meet Your Match. 11.31, Paul Burnett. 12.30 pm, Newsbeat. 2.00, Peter Powell: National Pop Panel. 4.31, Kid Jensen. 5.30, Newsbeat. 6.00, Your Chance to Meet a Sportsman. 6.30, The New Album Chart. 7.30, Folkweave (joins Radio 2)† 10.02, John Peel. 12.00-12.02 am, As Radio 2. VHF RADIOS 1 and 2: 5.00 am, With Radio 2, including 1.55 pm, Good Listening. 10.00, With Radio 1. 12.00-2.02 am, With Radio 2.

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Anglia

9.30 am, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 4.20, Lassie. 4.45, The Flintstones. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.20, Arena. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, Gambit. 7.30, Rolf Harris. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Darts. 11.00, Film: Larry (Frederick Forrest, Tyne Daly, Michael McGuire). 12.30 am, The Living Word. Close.

Westward

9.30 am, Thames. 12.27 pm, Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 12.30, Thames. 1.20, Westward News. 1.30, Thames. 3.45, Labour Party Conference. 4.20, The Little House on the Prairie. 5.15, Gambit. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, The Bionic Woman. 8.00, Thames. 10.28, Westward News, Weather. 10.30, Westward Report. 11.00, Film: The Eyes of Charles Sand (Peter Haskell, Sharon Farrell). 12.25 am, Faith for Life, 12.30, Close.

Southern

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. Weather. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 4.20, Lassie. 4.45, Beachcombers. 5.15, The Undersea Adventures of Captain Nemo. 5.20, Thames. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.30, University Challenge. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, England, Their England: Old Contemptibles. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Southern News. 10.35, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra's Inaugural Gala Concert. 12.00, What the Papers Say. 12.20 am, Weather, Papacy and Close.

Tyne Tees

9.25 am, The Good Word North East News, Weather. 9.30, Thames. 1.20 pm, North East News, Lookaround. Weather. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 4.20, Film: Where There's a Will (1936) Will Hay with Graham Moffatt, Hartley Power and Gina Malo. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Laverne and Shirley. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Sounds of Britain: Geordies. 11.00, Pro-Celebrity Snooker. 11.45, Epilogue. 11.50, Close.

Ulster

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. 4.18, Ulster News. 4.20, Take a Bow. 4.45, Lassie. 5.15, Cartoons. 5.20, Thames. 6.00, Reports. 6.25, Police Six. 6.35, Happy Days. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, England their England. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Counterpoint. 11.00, The Practice. 11.25, Bedtime. 11.35, Close.

Grampian

9.25 am, First Thing. 9.30, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News. 1.30, Thames. 4.20, The Little House on the Prairie. 5.15, Gambit. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Grampian Today, Weather. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, The Bionic Woman. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Reflections. 10.35, Sportscall. 11.15, Grampian News. 11.20, The Practice. 11.50, Close.

ATV

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV Newsdesk. 1.30, Thames. 3.45, Labour Party Conference. 4.20, Film: Pine Canyon is Burning (Kent McCord). 5.45, Thames. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, England Their England: Old Contemptibles March to Flanders. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Gardening Today. 11.00, Film: Can Ellen be Saved? (Leslie Nielsen, Louise Fletcher, John Saxon). 12.30 am, Close.

HTV

9.30 am, Thames. 9.44, About Wales. 1.20 pm, Report West. 1.25, Report Wales. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 4.20, Take a Bow. 4.45, The Flintstones. 5.15, Job-Line Newsdesk. 5.20, Thames. 6.00, Report West. 6.15, Report Wales. 6.30, Happy Days. 7.00, Charlie's Angels. 8.00, Thames. 10.35, At the Embankment. 11.05, Film: Tony Curtis in McCoy—In Again, Out Again. 12.45 am, Weather, Close.
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Yorkshire

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 4.20, Jabberjaw. 4.45, Little House on the Prairie. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Calendar. Weather. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Father Dear Father. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, The Love Boat. 11.30, Concert. 12.00, Close.

Channel

9.30 am, Thames. 11.55, Close. 1.18 pm, Channel News. What's On. Weather. 1.30, Thames. 4.20, Little House on the Prairie. 5.15, Gambit. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Channel News. Weather. 6.10, Lassie. 6.35, Thames. 7.30, The Incredible Hulk. 8.30, Thames. 10.28, Channel News. Weather. 10.32, Sandokan (1). 11.00, Film: The Eyes of Charles Sand. 12.25 am, News, Weather in French, Close.

Border

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames 4.20, Film: The Mark of Zorro, Frank Langella and Ricardo Montalban. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Lookaround Thursday. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Father Dear Father. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Look Who's Talking: Madeline Bell. 11.00, Chopper Squad. 11.55, Border News, Weather. 11.58, Close.

Scottish

9.30 am, Thames. 1.25 pm, News, weather. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 4.20, Taran, part 1. 5.15, Dodo the Space Kid. 5.20, Thames. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Garnock Way. 7.00, Laverne and Shirley. 7.30, The Rag Trade. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Low Centre. 11.30, Late Call. 11.35, Canadian Celebrity Concerts: Jack Jones. 12.50 am, Close.

Granada

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 3.45, Labour Party Conference. 4.20, Code R. 5.10, What's New. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Emmerdale Farm. 7.00, Thames. 10.30, What's On. 11.00, What the Papers Say. 11.20, Barnaby Jones. 12.15 am, Close.

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CHAPMAN.—On 27th September, to Maura and Timothy—a son (Oliver George Pearse), a brother for Cara.

GIBBONS.—On October 2, in Birmingham, to Heather and Andrew—a son (Toby William).

GRIMSDICK.—On October 1, in Hongkong, to Carol (née Walters) and Michael—a son (John Christopher Michael).

HARTLEY.—On 2nd October, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, to Jennifer (née Stern) and Nicholas—a son (Edmund).

HINE.—On 29th September, at Lewisham Hospital, to Maggie and Tom—a daughter (Alice), a sister for Louise.

SHARPLEY.—On October 3, at Wycombe General Hospital, to Mauri and Mark—a daughter (Claire Annelie), a sister for James.

STEPHENS.—On October 3, in Swaziland, to Anne (née Lloyd Morgan) and Christopher—a son (William David).

STREAT.—On 23th September, at R.H.C.H., Winchester, to Jenny (née Wright) and Ian—a son (Andrew Clifford), a brother for Joanna.

BIRTHS

SPANIER.—On October 3, at Guy's Hospital, to Sue (née Menkes) and David—a son (Samson Curtis), brother for Gideon and Joshua.

THURSFIELD.—On October 1, at Burton-on-Trent, to Janet (née Dunn) and Geoffrey—a daughter (Sarah Elizabeth).

TSILIYANNIS.—On October 1, at St. Stephen's Hospital, Chelsea, to Helen and Christos—a son (John).

TWISTON DAVIES.—On October 3rd, 1978, at the West London Hospital, to Rita and David—a son.

VAIGNCOURT-STRALLEN.—On October 3, at the London Hospital, to Heather (née Stuart), wife of Nicholas Vaigncourt-Strallen—a daughter.

WEBB.—On Oct 1st, at Birmingham Maternity Hospital, to Jane and Nicholas—a son (Charles Edward James).

WHITEHOUSE.—On 28th September, to David and Linda (née Vickers)—a son (Benedict Beckwith).

WHITMORE.—On September 27, to Maureen and Simon—a daughter (Lucy).

WOODWARK.—On 28th September, to Geraldine (née Ennis) and Christopher—a son (Jonathan Andrew Stuart). Warmest and heartfelt thanks to grandparents and staff at the West London Hospital, Hammersmith.

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DEATHS

BRENNER, LOUISE (Mama).—Peacefully at her home on Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, most loving and beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother at 1 Queens Close, Norwich.

BUTCHER.—On Sept. 30th, 1978, at his home, 15 Wyndham Street, Brighton, Harold John Butcher, dear husband of Moira. Service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Friday, Oct. 6th, at 10.30 a.m. Flowers may be sent to Hanningtons, 4-6 Montefiore Road, Hove.

CAPELLI.—On 2nd Oct., peacefully, in hospital, Altair, of Chadwick, Clarissa. Funeral service at Holy Name, Arbrook Lane, Esher, on Friday, 6th October, at 12.45, followed by cremation. Flowers if desired to F. W. Paine, 108 High Street, Esher.

CLARK.—On 3rd October, 1978, Marjorie Ruth, peacefully at home, widow of Rundle Clark, dearly loved mother of Alison and Robert and beloved sister of Elsa Duncan-Jones. Service at Edgbaston Old Church, Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Friday, 6th October, 1978, at 2 p.m. Flowers to 76 Wellington Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

CRAWFORD.—On 3rd Oct., 1978, peacefully in his sleep, at home in Jersey, Brigadier Alastair Wardrop Ewing (late the Royal Scots Greys), formerly of Auchentroig, Stirlingshire, beloved father of Rennie, Myrtle and Lloyd. Funeral service at the Jersey Crematorium, Westmount Rd., St. Helier, on Friday, 6th October, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, please, but donations in lieu may be sent to the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards Regimental Association Fund, care of Home Headquarters, The Castle, Edinburgh, Scotland.

DAVIES.—On October 3rd at home, William Eric, very dear husband, father and grandfather. Funeral private.

DRUMMOND.—On 3rd October, 1978, peacefully at "Dapplemere", Chorley Wood, Mabel Helen, in her 86th year, devoted wife for 24 years of Professor J. C. Drummond, Professor of Bio-Chemistry, University College, London, later Sir Jack Drummond. Funeral service, St. Andrew's Church, Chorley Wood, Monday 9th October, 1978, at 2.15 p.m., followed by cremation at the Chiltern Crematorium, Amersham. Flowers to James Peddle Ltd., 65 High Street, Rickmansworth. Tel. Rickmansworth 72015.

FITZPAYNE.—On Monday, 2nd October, 1978, peacefully at his home, Gairland, West Kilbride, Eric H. L., beloved husband of Margaret McLennan and dearly loved father of Freddy, Joan and Ian. Funeral service at Linn Crematorium, Lumshaw Drive, Glasgow, on Friday, 6th October, at 11.30 a.m. Friends wishing to attend please meet at crematorium. No flowers, please.

GEORGOPOULOS.—On 1st Oct., Anne-Marie, peacefully, at home, beloved wife of Costa and mother of Helen Rania and Atalanta.

GROOME.—On September 30th, suddenly, whilst on holiday at Friston, East Sussex, Dr. John Joseph Groome, M.B., B.Ch., loving husband of Ruby and father of Kevin, in practice at Chislehurst, Kent, at one time Police Surgeon for the Bromley area and formerly Lt.-Colonel, R.A.M.C., 1939-45. Funeral at St. Mary's Church, Chislehurst, on Wednesday, October 11th, 12 noon. Inquiries to Messrs. Francis, Chappell & Sons, 72, High St., Eltham, S.E.9.

MAUNDER.—On October 2nd, 1978, peacefully at home, "Elsinore", Giles Lane, Canterbury, John Walter Maunder, aged 62 years, much loved and loving husband of Hilda. Funeral service at St. Michael's Church, Harbledown, Canterbury, on Monday, October 9th, at 3.45 p.m., followed by cremation at Barnham. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired please, to Multiple Sclerosis or British Diabetic Association.

MILLS.—On Oct. 3rd, at Woking, peacefully in her sleep, Eleanor May (Bluebell), widow of Thomas Piercy. Dearly loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral private. Thanksgiving service to be announced later.

DEATHS

MONTGOMERY, O.B.E., T.D., ARTHUR HERBERT, beloved husband of Feo and dearly loved father of Rachel, Sylvia and James, on October 3rd, peacefully in St. Thomas's Hospital. Funeral service at St. Mary's Parish Church, Wimbledon, 12 noon, Tuesday, October 10th. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Howard House (Home for Retired Nurses), Vicarage Way, Gerrards Cross, Bucks.

PASTEUR.—On 2nd Oct., suddenly, while staying with friends, Dorothy, beloved wife of Mits Pasteur and dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service at Christ Church, Esher, at 2.15 on Monday, 9th Oct., followed by private cremation. Inquiries to F. W. Paine, 108 High St., Esher. Tel. Esher 64021.

PEARCE.—On Sept. 30th, John Heathcote, aged 65, suddenly in his home in Sandbach, much loved husband of Beth and father and grandfather of Angela, Larry and Jankees.

PETRIE.—On 1st October, 1978, Frances Joan, of Penny Bridge, nr. Ulverston, wife of the late Dr. Andrew Glen Petrie and daughter of the late William Farrer, of Whitbarrow. Funeral service at Egton Parish Church, Greenodd, nr. Ulverston, at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, October 5th.

RAIKES.—On October 3rd at Treberfydd, Bwlch, Brecon, Hilda Taunton Raikes, M.B.E., in her 90th year, last surviving child of the late Mr and Mrs R. T. Raikes of Treberfydd. Much loved. Funeral at Llangasty Church on Saturday, October 7th, at 2.30 p.m.

RAWSON.—On Monday, 2nd October, Alexander (Alec), in St. Mary's Hospital.

ROBERTSON, AIRMAN WILLIAM HAMILTON, of The Ross, Hamilton, on 30th September. Beloved brother of Peggy and Forbie. Cremation on Friday, 6th October, at 3.30 p.m., East Chapel, Daldowie Crematorium, Glasgow (at terminus of the M74).

RUSHBROOK WILLIAMS.—On October 1st, in his 89 year, Lawrence Frederic, C.B.E., J.P., etc., Bodgers Chance, Great Kimble, near Aylesbury, husband for 75 years of Freda May Chance lately of Stewarton by Kilmarnock, and of Silchester, near Reading. Funeral private. Thanksgiving service to be advised.

TETLOW.—On October 3rd, 1978, at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, Jane, aged 51 years, of Stead Cottage, Chapel Lane, Southowram, Halifax, daughter of Sheila Margaret and the late John Leslie Tetlow. Service at St. Anne in the Grove Church, Southowram, on Friday, at 12.45 p.m. Prior to cremation (private), at Park Wood, Elland. No flowers by request. Donations to St. Anne in the Grove, care of Mr. Colin Hardley, Marshfield House, Marsh Lane, Southowram, Halifax.

WHITEMAN.—On Saturday, September 30th, 1978, peacefully at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, after a bad fall, Ida Mary, aged 84 years, widow of Hubert Whiteman. Cremation at the Downs Crematorium, Brighton, on Monday, October 9, 2 p.m. No flowers, please, donations to British Legion if desired, any inquiries to Mrs Eda Marshall, 20 Arundel Road, Eastbourne. Telephone 22309.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BARKER.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs. Rachel Barker, M.B.E., will be held at the Parish Church of Waltham-St. Lawrence, Twyford, Berks, on 12th October, at 2.30 p.m.

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ACROSS

1 Do such ministers keep the masses down? (3, 6).
6 Discover members using five keys (5).
9 Compile collection that's unusually controversial (7).
10 Old scientist—one in ship that's docked (7).
11 Many turn forward, fewer peer back—funny (5).
12 Little man tailed a lion in Shaw's play (9).
14 Take this organ for another to 4 (3).
15 Support a restrictive practice in publishing (11).
17 Schoolman in command at Westminster? (11).
19 Apt piece of poetry (3).
20 A cold-blooded shifty-shady type (9).
22 Intentionally lose most of the argument (5).
24 But they don't come first in *The Times* (7).
26 No dilemma with this mythical creature (7).
27 Give ground in return for crop (5).
28 Girl joins union—best for US students (3, 6).

DOWN

1 Ran—went quickly after gal (5).
2 PM's show-jumping obstacles, say? (7).
3 Bring down bird for a modest meal (6, 3).
4 Interchange about nothing in practice, oddly (11).
5 *This animal wholly gone?* No half-measures (3).
6 Current delivery produces letter from Greece (5).
7 He painted the Ringer in one (7).
8 Guinevere's retiring words, praising Lancelot? (4, 5).
13 Abbey's organ subtly adjusted (11).
14 *They altered one bid entered in correct way* (9).
16 Attack making flight impossible? (3-6).
18 Leaders of unions never admit workers are ignorant (7).
19 Measure tree, say pine (7).
21 What emblem has at either *extremity*? *Correct* (5).
23 React to something that's sure point in church (5).
25 Under a foot, it may be over a yard long (3).

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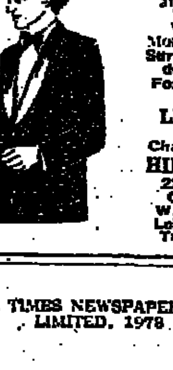
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